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'We have been starving at the same level for the past many years.'

STEPHEN HUNTLEY, *president of the Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care, speaking about funding*

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For each kid, a child care center in Western Massachusetts receives a subsidy of $61.16 per day. In Boston, it's $85.90.

A CHILD CARE FORMULA THAT DOESN'T ADD UP

In Western Mass., costs are high but the state's subsidies haven't kept pace

By Samantha J. Gross
GLOBE STAFF

SPRINGFIELD — When Sheneya Johnson returned to work after having her second son, she spent her workdays using her expertise in early education to help others navigate the child care system. At the same time, she was struggling to find a classroom opening for her own son in a part of the state where the task of securing care is particularly challenging.

Ultimately, she got a spot for him at Square One on Springfield's Main Street, where she works one floor up from him as an administrator. Since her son, Quani Wallace, now 4, joined the program, she has seen a "huge shift" in his development, she said.

The squeeze on the child care industry is a statewide problem, but the challenges are even more acute for Johnson and others in Western Massachusetts, where the current state formula provides for a much smaller subsidy than it does in Eastern Massachusetts, even though the cost of providing the care

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At Square One in Springfield, 4- and 5-year-olds worked on making shapes out of construction paper.

Economy most likely to dictate Biden's fate

He's officially in the race, with inflation as his soft spot

By Jim Puzzanghera
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — In launching his reelection campaign Tuesday, President Biden said the country remains in a "battle for the soul of America." But whether he gets another four years to win that fight will depend in great part on the heartbeat of the economy.

The nation's economic health historically has been the pivotal factor in determining whether an incumbent president gets a second term, and Biden faces arguably his greatest challenge on that front.

Despite record job creation, a historically low unemployment rate, and solid growth, perceptions of Biden's handling of the economy may come down to a single number that is of outsized importance to American families: inflation, which continues to run well above normal. And although the pace of price growth is trending down from last year's four-decade high, it remains elevated and the continued effort to tame it threatens to push the nation into a recession in an election year.

Republicans have blamed Biden for fast-rising prices of gas, groceries, rents, and other costs since he took office even though inflation is high across the world largely because of pandemic-related supply chain problems and the war in Ukraine. Inflation has been called "the cruelest tax" because it hits people every day. Since prices began shooting up in the spring of 2021, polls consistently have

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GOP hopefuls struggle to clarify stances on abortion

By Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka
GLOBE STAFF

ARLINGTON, Va. — Republican presidential hopeful Nikki Haley walked into the Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America offices on Tuesday to lead a "constructive" conversation about where the country should go on abortion.

"My goal as president will be the same as it was when I was governor and ambassador. I want to save as many lives and help as many moms as possible," Haley, the only woman seeking the Republican nomination, said to a room packed mostly with reporters.

She didn't say how. Instead, she staked out a vague position in which she promised she wouldn't "judge someone who is pro-choice any more than I want them to judge me for being pro-life," called for consensus on policies like not jailing women who get abortions, and said the federal government should have some role in regulating abortions. She expanded on little and took no questions.

Haley's public position, which seemed to have an eye toward the general electorate beyond the primary, is the latest example of the difficulty Republican candidates are having as they seek to carve out a lane on one of the most pressing issues

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DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

The 78-year-old stadium has seen better days but is still heavily used.

White Stadium upgrade planned, and much more

City aiming to draw women's pro soccer team

By Michael Silverman
GLOBE STAFF

A long-overdue renovation of White Stadium in Franklin Park is in the works that would reestablish the 10,000-seat stadium as a state-of-the-art centerpiece for Boston Public Schools student-athletes and a more inviting public facility in the city's largest open space.

The proposed public/private project could bring an additional benefit as well: a home stadium for a new Boston franchise in the National Women's Soccer League.

The City of Boston announced a request for proposals on Tuesday for a private entity to lease and fund the renovation of one half of the run-down but still heavily used stadium, with the city funding reconstruction of the other half, plus new training and fitness areas, physical therapy facilities, locker rooms, community space, and offices for the BPS Athletics Department.

Any private proposal would need to align with the vision Mayor Michelle Wu and the city

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HARRY BELAFONTE 1927-2023

Breakthrough star of music, film and towering force for civil rights

By Peter Keepnews
NEW YORK TIMES

Harry Belafonte, who stormed the pop charts and smashed racial barriers in the 1950s with his highly personal brand of folk music, and who went on to become a dynamic force in the civil rights movement, died Tuesday at his home on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He was 96.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said Ken Sunshine, his longtime spokesman.

At a time when segregation was still widespread and Black faces were still a rarity on screens large and small, Mr. Belafonte's ascent to the upper echelon of show business was historic. He was not the first Black entertainer to transcend racial boundaries; Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, and others had achieved stardom before him. But none had made as much of a splash as he did, and for a few years no one in music, Black or white, was bigger.

Born in Harlem to West Indian immigrants, he almost single-handedly ignited a craze for Caribbean music with hit records like "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" and "Jamaica Farewell." His album "Calypso," which included both those songs, reached the top of the Billboard album chart shortly after its release in 1956 and stayed there for 31 weeks. Coming just before the breakthrough of Elvis Presley, it was said to be the first album by a single artist to sell more than 1 million copies.

Mr. Belafonte was equally successful as a concert attraction: Handsome and charismatic, he held audiences spellbound with dramatic interpretations of a repertoire that encompassed folk traditions from all over the

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Harry Belafonte's primary focus from the late 1950s through the end of his life was civil rights and social justice. At left, he took part in a protest about South Africa in 1984.

The Celtics lost Game 5 at home to the Hawks in stunning fashion in the closing seconds, and now will have to play a Game 6 in Atlanta. **C1.**

Want a refund for what the T is doing to you? Don't hold your breath, writes Sean P. Murphy. **B5.**

Restaurant customers leave all kinds of gratuities, often delighting and occasionally confusing the recipients. **G1.**

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Trump accuser gets her day on court

Civil trial tied to 30-year-old rape claim starts

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Former advice columnist E. Jean Carroll didn't speak with reporters as she walked into Manhattan federal court Tuesday.

By Larry Neumeister and Jennifer Peltz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A former advice columnist's nearly 30-year-old rape claim against Donald Trump went to trial Tuesday as jurors in the federal civil case heard her allegation of being attacked in a luxury department store dressing room. The former president says nothing happened between them.

E. Jean Carroll will testify that what unfolded in a few minutes in a fitting room in 1996 "would change her life forever," one of her lawyers, Shawn Crowley, said in an opening statement.

"Filled with fear and shame, she kept silent for decades. Eventually, though, silence became impossible," Crowley said. And when Carroll broke that silence in a 2019 memoir, the then-president "used the most powerful platform on Earth to lie about what he had done, attack Ms. Carroll's integrity and insult her appearance."

Trump lawyer Joe Tacopina painted her story as wildly implausible and short of evidence, describing it as "an affront to justice." He accused her of pursuing the case for money, status, and political reasons.

"It all comes down to: Do you believe the unbelievable?" Tacopina told the six-man, three-woman jury. He urged the panel in heavily Democratic New York to put politics aside in weighing the case against the Republican former president and former New Yorker.

"You can hate Donald Trump. That's OK. But there's a time and a secret place for that. It's called a ballot box in an election. It's not here in a court of law," Tacopina said. "Nobody's above the law, but no one is beneath it."

The trial stands to test Trump's "Teflon Don" reputation for shaking off serious legal problems and to reprise accounts of the type of sexual misconduct that rocked his 2016 presidential campaign as he seeks office again. He denies Carroll's claim and all the others, saying they were falsehoods spun up to damage him.

The trial is in civil court, meaning that no matter the outcome, Trump isn't in danger of going to jail. He isn't required to be in court, either, and his lawyers have indicated he most likely won't testify.

The trial comes a month after he pleaded not guilty in an unrelated criminal case surrounding payments made to bury accounts of alleged extramarital sex.

Jurors — whose names are being kept secret to prevent potential harassment — range in age from 26 to 66 and include a janitor, a physical therapist, and people who work in security, health care collections, a library, a high school, and other settings. One said she follows news by watching "everything"; another said he didn't follow it at all.

Carroll is expected to testify that a chance encounter with Trump turned violent and that he defamed her when responding to the rape allegations. She's seeking unspecified damages and a retraction.

She says that after she ran into the future president at Manhattan's Bergdorf Goodman on an unspecified spring Thursday evening in 1996, he invited her to shop with him for a woman's lingerie gift before they teased one another to try on a garment. Carroll says they ended up alone together in a store dressing room, where Trump pushed her against a wall and raped before she fought him off and fled.

Since Carroll first made her accusations, Trump has vehemently denied that a rape ever occurred or that he even knew Carroll.

Trump has labeled Carroll a "nut job" and "mentally sick." He claimed she fabricated the rape claim to boost sales of her book.

Jurors are also expected to hear from two other women who say they were sexually assaulted by Trump. Jessica Leeds is set to testify that Trump tried to put his hand up her skirt on a 1979 flight on which the two were assigned neighboring seats.

Natasha Stoynoff, a former People magazine staff writer, will testify that Trump pinned her against a wall and forcibly kissed her at his Florida mansion when she went there in 2005 to interview Trump and his then-pregnant wife, Melania.

Black studies course to be revised

College Board admits miscues

By Nick Anderson
WASHINGTON POST

Conceding missteps, the College Board said Monday it will again revise its much-criticized plan for a new Advanced Placement course in African-American studies.

The statement gave no specifics on what might be changed, but it further cemented a widespread impression that the rollout of the course has been messy and scrambled by the volatile politics of race and education. The debate spilled into the spotlight when Florida officials said earlier this year they would reject the course as an example of what they called indoctrination.

"In embarking on this effort, access was our driving principle — both access to a discipline that has not been widely available to high school students, and access for as many of those students as possible," the College Board said. "Regrettably, along the way those dual access goals have come into conflict."

It pledged that revisions would ensure that, "regardless of how many students take this course, each one of those students should have access to the full breadth and beauty of this discipline."

The first AP course to focus on African-American studies has drawn intense scrutiny for much of the past year as it has been undergoing revisions and soft-launch tryouts in dozens of high schools around the country.

The College Board, a nonprofit that oversees the SAT college admissions test and the AP program, touts the new course as a milestone effort to present high school students with a sophisticated, college-level immersion in African-American history and culture.

But critics from the right and the left have assailed it.

In January, Florida officials rejected an initial version of the course, declaring that it "lacks educational value." Republican Florida Governor Ron DeSantis accused the course architects of promoting "a political agenda" and criticized references in early draft to Black queer studies and "intersectionality," a concept that helps explain overlapping forms of discrimination that affect Black women and others.

Then the College Board released a course plan in February that omitted or scaled back certain concepts and terms that had riled up conservative commentators. For instance, the adjective "systemic" disappeared from the plan, even though many academics and civil rights advocates say the term is essential for understanding the African-American experience with racism, oppression, and discrimination.

Most uses of "intersectionality" were cut. Such changes angered or disappointed many people passionate about the field of African-American studies, who feared the College Board had watered it down to assuage politicians. The College Board denied the charge.

Daily Briefing

Proud Boys jurors begin deliberations

WASHINGTON — The seditious conspiracy case against former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio and four lieutenants went to the jury on Tuesday after dozens of witnesses over more than three months in one of the most serious cases to emerge from the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the US Capitol.

The jury will begin deliberating Wednesday to decide whether onetime Proud Boys national chairman and four co-defendants are guilty of seditious conspiracy for what prosecutors allege was a plot to keep President Donald Trump in the White House after the Republican lost the 2020 election.

Prosecutors in Washington have shown jurors hundreds of messages exchanged by Proud Boys in the days leading up to Jan. 6 that show the group repeating Trump's assertion that the election was stolen.

Defense lawyers say there was no conspiracy and no plan to attack the Capitol. They portrayed the Proud Boys as an unorganized drinking club whose members' participation in the riot was a spontaneous act.

A lawyer for Tarrio sought to push the blame onto Trump in his closing argument, telling jurors on Tuesday that the Justice Department is making Tarrio a scapegoat for the former president.

Defense lawyer Nayib Hassan noted that Tarrio wasn't in Washington on Jan. 6, having been banned from the capital after being arrested on allegations that he defaced a Black Lives Matter banner.

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WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY — A worker touched a memorial after leaving a white rose on Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have died or suffered illnesses or injuries on the job on Tuesday at PortMiami in Miami.

Mich. official guilty in bribery scheme

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The former head of a Michigan marijuana licensing board pleaded guilty to bribery Tuesday, acknowledging he accepted at least $110,000 in exchange for approving applications for the lucrative business.

Rick Johnson's appearance in federal court in Grand Rapids was a remarkable fall. Years ago he was a powerful state lawmaker, serving as speaker of the Republican-controlled House.

The investigation so far has centered on corruption at the marijuana board before it was disbanded in 2019. The board reviewed and approved applications to grow and sell marijuana for medical purposes.

A Detroit-area businessman, John Dalaly, pleaded guilty last week. He said he provided at least $68,200 in cash and other benefits to Johnson, including two private flights to Canada.

Two lobbyists, Brian Pierce and Vincent Brown, have agreed to plead guilty to conspiring to pass bribes to Johnson.

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Inspection forces evacuation of Fla. condo

Residents of a South Florida condominium building were overcome with emotion before the deadline to evacuate their homes Tuesday, after a recent engineering inspection deemed the building structurally unsafe.

The building, the Majestic Isle condominium, in North Bay Village, just north of Miami, is miles from where the Champlain Towers South partially collapsed nearly two years ago. That building's failure was one of the worst in US history, killing 98 people.

On Wednesday, North Bay Village officials received a letter from an engineer hired by the building's association in anticipation of the required 60-year building certification.

The engineer who inspected the three-story property April 14 raised serious concerns about the building's condition, North Bay Village officials said. Residents were required to evacuate by Tuesday.

North Bay Village's mayor, Brent Latham, saidthe report indicated structural issues related to termites and sagging floors.

NEW YORK TIMES

Drake University crowns the most beautiful bulldog

DES MOINES — Patch, sporting a jean jacket as she strutted down the runway, was crowned the winner of Drake University's Beautiful Bulldog Contest.

The 2-year-old English bulldog beat out 28 other contestants from six states Monday night to win the top prize. The university's mascot is a bulldog, and the contest kicks off the Drake Relays track and field competition taking place this week.

Patch's entry seemed to get a boost when she carefully ambled through a hoop on the runway, drawing cheers from the crowd. Her owners, Jennifer Hinton and Joel Kornder of Johnston, Iowa, said they had worked on the hoop routine for months.

"I heard about the contest when I moved to Des Moines this past summer, and I knew I had to enter Patch," Hinton said. "She is the epitome of the bulldog breed, and we're so proud of her all the time but especially today."

After being named the winner, Patch traded in her denim for a satin cape and crown.

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Isn't she lovely?

For the record

■ **Correction:** Because of a reporting error, a story on Sunday's Page One about the MBTA incorrectly included Dennis Lytton among senior MBTA managers whose primary residences are far from Boston. Lytton, the MBTA's deputy safety chief, lives in Boston though his family lives in Los Angeles. He said he has not worked remotely since starting the job in February. The Globe regrets the error.

■ **Correction:** Because of a reporting error, a story on Tuesday's Page One about the Swift River misspelled the name of the Winsor Dam. The Globe regrets the error.

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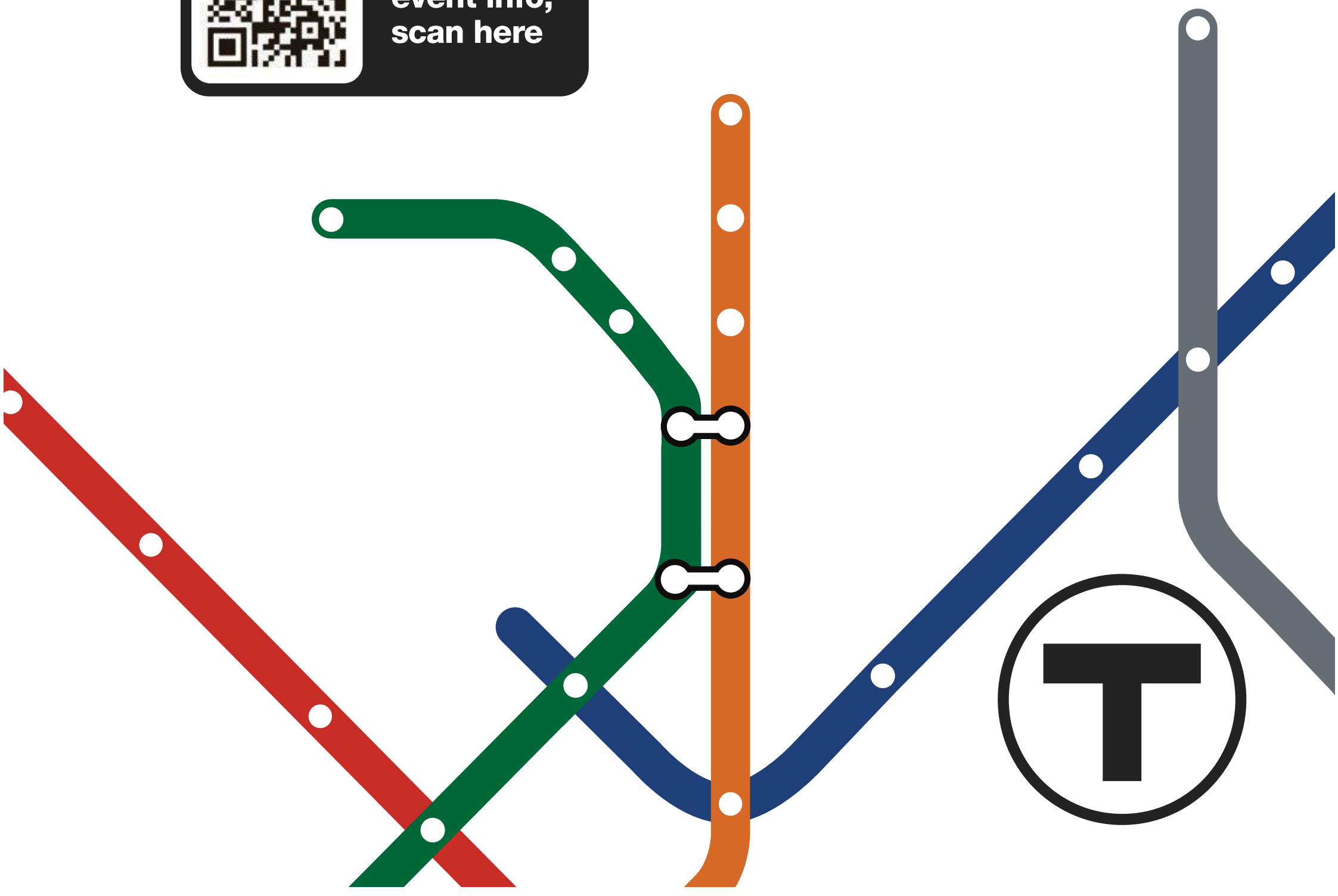

The World

DAILY BRIEFING

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ISRAELI REMEMBRANCE DAY — Israeli soldiers and mourners observed two minutes of silence at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem on Tuesday on Remembrance Day. In Israel, the day to commemorate fallen soldiers and victims of attacks was marked by political divisions. **A9**.

Venezuela opposition leader says he fled to Colombia, then was forced to leave

Venezuela's most prominent opposition leader, Juan Guaidó, said late Monday that he had been forced out of Colombia, hours after crossing the border into the country after receiving threats from the Venezuelan government. But Colombia's president disputed the assertion that Guaidó had been forcibly removed.

Speaking in a video posted on Twitter, Guaidó said he had entered Colombia with plans to meet with political representatives who had gathered to discuss the future of Venezuela. But rather than welcome him, he said, the Colombians kicked him out.

"The persecution of the dictatorship has extended, unfortunately, to Colombia today," he said, speaking from an airplane. He said he was on his way to the United States.

Late Monday, Colombia's foreign ministry issued a statement saying that Guaidó had been in Bogotá "irregularly," and that migration officials had taken him to the airport "with the intention of verifying his departure on a commercial airline to the United States."

But President Gustavo Petro of Colombia denied on Twitter that Guaidó had been ejected from the country by force.

"Mr. Guaidó was not expelled; it is better that the lie does not appear in politics," Petro said. "Mr. Guaidó had an agreement to travel to the US. We allowed this for humanitarian reasons despite the illegal entry to the country."

In another tweet, Petro said that he would have granted the Venezuelan opposition leader asylum if he had asked for it.

NEW YORK TIMES

CARL DE SOUZA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

PROTEST IN BRAZIL — Indigenous people took part in the Terra Livre Indigenous camp protest, focused on bringing awareness to Indigenous rights and land issues and promoting their culture, outside the Congress building in Brasilia on Monday. The camp runs until Saturday.

15 killed in blasts at Pakistan police station

ISLAMABAD — Two explosions at a compound for counterterrorism police in northern Pakistan killed at least 15 people and wounded dozens late Monday, police officials said, after months of increased terrorist attacks that have raised alarms across the country.

Pakistani Taliban militants have repeatedly targeted the police, particularly counterterrorism department officials, in recent months. But some investigators insisted there was no evidence that the deadly blasts — which also wounded at least 57 people, according to local officials — were caused by an attack. Police officials said the detonation occurred in the basement of the police compound, where mortar shells and other weapons and munitions captured from militants had been stored.

The first explosion forced the roof of the compound's main structure to cave in. Several police officials were trapped under the rubble of the police station and were pulled out, officials said.

Murad Saeed, a former member of Parliamen, insisted that the explosion had to have been a terrorist attack.

"The attack is similar to the one that targeted police in Peshawar," Saeed said in a video message, referring to the suicide bombing in the provincial capital of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa this year that killed more than 100 people.

NEW YORK TIMES

Singapore man faces execution for cannabis

Singapore is set to execute a man on charges of conspiring to traffic 2.24 pounds of cannabis that he is not alleged to have directly handled, in the final step of a case that has put the spotlight on the city-state's harsh stance toward a drug that has become decriminalized in much of the West.

Authorities connected Tangaraju Suppiah, 46, to an attempted exchange of cannabis in September 2013 through a phone number that he denied having access to at the time. He was sentenced to hang in 2018, under Singapore's near-mandatory death penalty policy for trafficking more than 1.1 pounds of cannabis. He will be hanged Wednesday unless an appeal to Singapore's president for clemency is granted.

Tangaraju's family and rights groups allege that his rights were not adequately protected and have called on the government to immediately halt the execution. They say he was interrogated without legal counsel — Singapore does not require that people under questioning be provided immediate access to a lawyer — and denied requests for a Tamil-language interpreter. His conviction relied on phone records, but prosecutors were not able to recover his mobile phone for analysis, court documents show.

Singapore's Home Affairs Ministry said that Tangaraju was "accorded full due process under the law."

WASHINGTON POST

Australia, New Zealand honor war dead on Anzac Day

CANBERRA, Australia — Hundreds of thousands of Australians gathered at dawn services and veterans' street marches across the nation on Tuesday to commemorate their war dead on Anzac Day as recent events focused minds on the cost of war and the threat of China's military buildup.

Australia and New Zealand commemorate Anzac Day every April 25 — the date in 1915 when the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the beaches of Gallipoli, in northwest Turkey, in an ill-fated campaign that was the soldiers' first combat of World War I.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese spoke to more than 30,000 people who gathered at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

"Gallipoli is just one battle in our history, but in all its stories of valor and resilience, in its simple truth of Australians looking out for each other no matter how bad things got, it has come to stand for something so much bigger in our collective heart," Albanese said.

His government chose the eve of Anzac Day to release a review of the nation's defense force that warned that with China's growing military strength, Australia's geographic isolation did not provide the protection from conflict that it once did.

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New Zealand soldiers saluted to pay homage to those who died at Gallipoli.

Violence in Sudan cuts through truce brokered by US

Residents flee as gunfire, bombs rock the capital

By Abdi Latif Dahir
NEW YORK TIMES

A US-brokered cease-fire in Sudan appeared to be on shaky ground Tuesday as gunfire and loud explosions erupted in Khartoum, the capital, threatening continued efforts by thousands of people to flee a conflict that has ripped through Africa's third-largest nation for more than a week.

►Ashland woman escapes Sudan with toddler. B1.

In pockets across Khartoum, residents reported low-flying warplanes and loud blasts near their homes. Many had hoped for a quieter day that would allow them to gain access to food and water or to flee the city altogether. Countries including Britain, France, and Turkey took advantage of the pause in fighting, however spotty, to conduct risky evacuations of their citizens.

"Yes, definitely, they are still fighting," said Musab Abdalhadi, 27, a Khartoum resident who lives in the city's Al-Zuhour neighborhood and who spoke over the din of military clashes in the background.

The clashes came just hours after the US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, announced that the warring parties — the Sudanese army, led by General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, led by Lieutenant General Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo — had agreed to a 72-hour nationwide cease-fire. During the pause, the United States had hoped to engage with other countries on a peace process that would end the hostilities.

By Tuesday evening, two residents reached by phone in the capital reported that the shooting in their neighborhood had slowed. Others said they were still hearing intermittent gunfire. Many said it was still too risky to leave their homes. The paramilitary force also accused the army of attacking its positions near the presidential palace in Khartoum.

The spotty truce was the latest in a series of attempted cease-fires since violence erupted April 15 — although a respite in violence during the Muslim Eid al-Fitr holiday allowed for the evacuation of diplomatic personnel from the country.

The conflict has upended life in Sudan, with at least 459 people killed and more than 4,000 others wounded, according to the World Health Organization, as the two generals vie for control of the country.

Amid all of this, foreign governments have been evacuating their embassy officials and citizens through airlifts or through long convoys by road to Egypt or a port on the Red Sea.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak of Britain announced a large-scale evacuation of British passport holders out of Sudan using military flights, with priority given to older and sick people and to families with children. Sunak's announcement came after many British nationals expressed frustration that they or their loved ones had not been evacuated, even as other countries revealed plans to repatriate both their diplomatic staffs and citizens.

For now, civilians in Sudan said they remain in danger.

Taliban kill terrorist behind 2021 attack

13 US troops among dead in airport blast

By Karoun Demirjian and Eric Schmitt
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Taliban have killed the leader of the Islamic State cell responsible for the suicide bombing at the international airport in Kabul in August 2021 that killed 13 US troops and as many as 170 civilians, four senior US officials said Tuesday.

The administration on Monday began calling relatives of the US troops who died in the attack to tell them that the leader of the terrorist cell had been killed by Taliban security forces in recent weeks.

The US officials said that US intelligence analysts became aware in early April that the mastermind of the attack, whom they declined to identify, had died in a Taliban operation in Afghanistan. It was unclear whether the Taliban were specifically targeting the insurgent or if he was killed in one of the increasing number of attacks between Taliban and Islamic State fighters, the officials said.

The officials said that based on classified intelligence reports — most likely from informants, electronic intercepts, or information from allied spy services — analysts concluded with "high confidence" that the chief plotter of the airport attack had been killed. But the officials offered no evidence to support that conclusion or other details about his purported death.

Officials were also sparing with the details they were willing to share with the families of the killed service members.

"They couldn't give me his name; they couldn't tell me the details of the operation," said Darin Hoover, the father of Staff Sergeant Taylor Hoover of the Marine Corps, who was killed during the blast.

Darin Hoover said that while he had not expected the military to share everything it knew, the call left him feeling "frustrated, again."

"I want the administration to take some accountability and responsibility for this," Hoover said. "Say, 'We screwed up. It's not going to happen again.' It can't happen again. He gave his life for this. This is what he wanted to do, and this is what happened — and now we're all being treated like garbage."

The 2021 evacuation from Afghanistan and its aftermath continue to be a subject of heated debate on Capitol Hill, where Republicans have voiced similar demands of the Biden administration.

GOP lawmakers have accused the administration of being directly responsible for the failures of the exit and condemned administration officials as inept when it comes to the future of counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan. Democrats have largely defended those officials, arguing they did the best they could in a difficult situation and faulting President Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, for making a deal with the Taliban that committed the United States to exit.

Representative Michael McCaul, Republican of Texas, the House Foreign Affairs Committee chair who is running one of the congressional investigations into the Afghanistan evacuation, hailed the reported killing of the terrorist leader responsible for the Abbey Gate attack.

He said in a statement that "if these reports are true, any time a terrorist is taken off the board is a good day."

2 killed, 10 wounded as missile hits Ukrainian museum

Zelensky says Russia is trying to destroy history

By Hanna Arhirova
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV — A Russian missile hit a museum building in a Ukrainian city on Tuesday, killing at least two people and wounding 10 others, part of a relentless barrage that comes as Ukraine is readying its forces for an expected spring counteroffensive.

Ukrainian officials said the Russian military used S-300 air defense missiles to attack Kupiansk in the Kharkiv region, hitting the museum of local history in the city center. The Russian military has repeatedly used S-300s, which Ukraine's air defenses can't intercept, to attack ground targets.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky posted a video from the site that shows the ruined building and emergency responders examining the damage.

"The terrorist country is doing everything to destroy us completely," Zelensky said. "Our history, our culture, our people. Killing Ukrainians with absolutely barbaric methods."

Zelensky said that a museum worker was killed, and Kharkiv regional Governor Oleh Syniehubov later reported that the body of another victim was pulled from under the rubble.

Syniehubov said that three people were hospitalized and seven received minor injuries.

Kupiansk was captured by Russian forces in the earlier stages of the Russian invasion but was reclaimed by Ukrainian forces in a surprise counteroffensive in September that saw the Russians driven out of broad swaths of the Kharkiv region.

A woman also died in Russian shelling of the town of Dvorichna, near Kupiansk, and two civilians were killed in the eastern Donetsk region, according to the Ukrainian presidential office.

The governor of the Dnipropetrovsk region, Serhiy Lisak, said that two people were wounded in Russian-heavy artillery fire that hit the cities of Marhanets and Nikopol on Tuesday evening. Both are on the western bank of the Dnieper River just across from the Russia-held Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, which both Russia and Ukraine say has been endangered by shelling in the region.

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A local resident looked at the rubble left of the history museum that was destroyed in a Russian missile strike in the town of Kupiansk, Kharkiv region, on Tuesday.

The Ukrainian military is now preparing for a new massive counteroffensive, relying on the latest supplies of Western battle tanks and other weapons and fresh troops that were trained in the West.

Zelensky on Tuesday met with the top military brass to discuss the battlefield situation as well as prospects for new weapons supplies and the preparation of troops.

"We have to accelerate the pace of weapons supply because every day of delay is the lives of our soldiers," Zelensky said on Facebook.

Ukraine's military intelligence chief, Major General Kyrylo Budanov, in an interview with RBC-Ukraine released Monday, described the planned counteroffensive as a "landmark battle in Ukraine's modern history" that would see the country "reclaim significant areas."

The Kremlin, meanwhile, has regularly reminded the West about Russia's nuclear arsenal in a bid to discourage the US and its allies from ramping up weapons supplies to Ukraine.

The US and its NATO allies have denounced Moscow's nuclear rhetoric as dangerous and irresponsible, but noted that they haven't seen any change in Russia's nuclear posture.

On Tuesday, Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of the Security Council chaired by Russian President Vladimir Putin, warned that "the world is likely on the verge of another world war" and declared that Moscow wouldn't hesitate to use nuclear weapons if it faced an existential threat.

Medvedev described atomic weapons as pivotal for Russia's survival, saying that "for our country, the nuclear weapons are the joint holding the state together."

He vowed that the Kremlin will achieve its goals in Ukraine.

Japanese spacecraft is lost during moon landing attempt

Absent signal after touchdown points to a crash

By Kenneth Chang
NEW YORK TIMES

A Japanese company has lost contact with a small robotic spacecraft it was sending to the moon, a signal that it may have crashed into the lunar surface.

After firing its main engine, the Hakuto-R Mission 1 lander built by Ispace of Japan dropped out of lunar orbit. About an hour later, at 12:40 p.m. Eastern time, the lander, about 7 ½ feet tall, was expected to land in Atlas Crater, a 54-mile-wide feature in the northeast quadrant of the near side of the moon.

But after the time of touchdown, no signal was received from the spacecraft. On a live video streamed by the company, a pall of silence enveloped the control room in Tokyo where Ispace engineers, mostly young and from around the world, looked with concerned expressions at their screens.

"At this moment, we have not been able to confirm successful landing on the lunar surface," Takeshi Hakamada, the chief executive of Ispace, said a half-hour after the landing time.

Thus, he said, they had to assume that the loss of communications meant "we could not complete the landing on the lunar surface."

The Ispace lander could have been the first step toward a new paradigm of space exploration, with governments, research institutions, and companies sending scientific experiments and other cargo to the moon.

The beginning of that lunar transport transition will now have to wait for other companies later this year. Two commercial landers, built by US companies and financed by NASA, are scheduled to be launched to the moon in the coming months.

In an interview, Hakamada said he was "very, very proud" of the result nonetheless. "I'm not disappointed," he said.

The spacecraft launched in December and took a circuitous but energy-efficient path to the moon, entering lunar orbit in March. For the past month, engineers have been checking the lander's systems before proceeding with the landing attempt.

Once the engine fired, the spacecraft was either going to land or crash. It did not have the ability to return to higher orbit for another try. And it appears that something went wrong.

Hakamada said Ryo Ujiie, Ispace's chief technology officer, told him there was communication with the spacecraft all the way to the surface. "However, our engineers still need to investigate in more detail what happened around the touchdown," he said. "Otherwise, we cannot confirm anything."

NASA in 2018 launched the Commercial Lunar Payload Service Program, because buying rides on private spacecraft for instruments and equipment to the moon promises to be cheaper than building its own vehicles. In addition, NASA hopes to spur a new commercial industry around the moon, and competition is likely to further push down the costs. The program was modeled in part on a similar effort that has successfully provided transport to and from the International Space Station.

So far, however, NASA has little to show for its efforts.

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Widely controversial DNA discovery gets a new twist

Experts weigh in on Rosalind Franklin's role

By Maddie Burakoff
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NEW YORK — The discovery of DNA's double helix structure 70 years ago opened up a world of new science — and also sparked disputes over who contributed what and who deserves credit.

Much of the controversy comes from a central idea: that James Watson and Francis Crick, the first to figure out DNA's shape, stole data from scientist Rosalind Franklin.

Now, two historians are suggesting that while parts of that story are accurate — Watson and Crick did rely on research from Franklin and her lab without their permission — Franklin was more a collaborator than just a victim.

In an opinion article published Tuesday in the journal Nature, the historians say the two research teams were working in parallel toward solving the DNA puzzle and knew more about what the other team was doing than is widely believed.

"It's much less dramatic," said article author Matthew Cobb, a zoologist at the University of Manchester who is working on a biography of Crick. "It's not a heist movie."

The story dates back to the 1950s, when scientists were still working out how DNA's pieces fit together.

Watson and Crick were working on modeling DNA's shape at Cambridge University. Meanwhile, Franklin — an expert in X-ray imaging — was studying the molecules at King's College in London, along with scientist Maurice Wilkins.

It was there that Franklin captured the iconic Photograph 51, an X-ray image showing DNA's crisscross shape.

Then, the story gets tricky. In the version that's often told, Watson was able to look at Photograph 51 during a visit to Franklin's lab. According to the story Franklin hadn't solved the structure, even months after making the image. But when Watson saw it, "he suddenly, instantly knew that it was a helix," said author Nathaniel Comfort, a historian of medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Around the same time, the story goes, Crick also obtained a lab report that included Franklin's data and used it without her consent.

According to this story, because of these two "eureka moments" Watson and Crick "were able to go and solve the double helix in a few days," Comfort said.

This "lore" came in part from Watson himself in his book "The Double Helix," the historians say. But the historians suggest this was a "literary device" to make the story more exciting and understandable to lay readers.

After digging in Franklin's archives, the historians found details that they say challenge this simplistic narrative — and suggest that Franklin contributed more than just one photograph along the way.

A draft of a Time magazine story written "in consultation with Franklin," but never published, described the work on DNA's structure as a joint effort between the two groups. A letter from one of Franklin's colleagues suggested Franklin knew her research was being shared with Crick, authors said.

Taken together, this material suggests the four researchers were equal collaborators in the work, Comfort said. While there may have been some tensions, the scientists were sharing their findings more openly — not snatching them in secret.

Howard Markel, a historian of medicine at the University of Michigan, said he's not convinced by the updated story.

Markel believes that Franklin got "ripped off" by the others and they cut her out in part because she was a Jewish woman in a male-dominated field.

In the end, Franklin left her DNA work behind and went on to make other important discoveries in virus research, before dying of cancer at the age of 37. Four years later, Watson, Crick, and Wilkins received a Nobel prize for their work on DNA's structure.

Franklin wasn't included in that honor. Posthumous Nobel prizes have always been extremely rare, and now aren't allowed.

2024 presidential race expected to be staggeringly pricey

What can $6.5 billion cover?

The entire gross domestic product of Liechtenstein is one option. The production budgets for more than a dozen "Avatar" sequels are another. More than the last 20 years of Super Bowl ads combined.

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

Or, alternatively, one United States presidential election.

That staggering $6.5 billion figure — watchdog group OpenSecrets' tally of the cost of the 2020 race between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, including spending by the candidates and outside groups — made the 2020 presidential campaign by far the most expensive in history. And there is no reason to believe the 2024 campaign will cost much less.

It is too early to talk about dollar estimates for 2024 with any confidence. The numbers will depend on many factors, including how many candidates mount primary campaigns and how many states — and which ones — are competitive in the general election.

But the stakes are not getting any lower. Crucially, neither is the involvement of super political action committees, which are not subject to the same fund-raising and spending limits as candidates.

From presidential to congressional to state-level races, elections across the board have been getting steadily more expensive, even in inflation-adjusted dollars.

The Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling, which opened the super PAC floodgates, came in 2010, but the biggest wave has come in the past few years.

Total spending on federal races — presidential and congressional — more than doubled from 2016 to 2020 after staying roughly stable for a couple of election cycles.

Spending in 2022 set a record for a midterm, according to OpenSecrets. And the 10 most expensive individual Senate races of all time have all happened since 2018.

NEW YORK TIMES

Fla. to alter law so DeSantis can run, stay governor

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Republicans are poised to change state law to allow GOP Governor Ron DeSantis to run for president without having to leave office, according to legislation filed Tuesday.

The proposal would exempt presidential candidates from Florida's so-called resign to run law, which prohibits elected officials from qualifying as a candidate for another office that would overlap with their current term.

The legislative move was anticipated but its formal introduction marks one of the clearest signals yet that DeSantis plans to run. He is expected to announce after the state's legislative session ends early next month.

The resign to run exemption was filed by a GOP ally of DeSantis as an amendment to a larger Republican election law package expected to reach the Senate floor this week. Republican leaders of the House and Senate have both expressed their willingness to change the law.

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RNC officials tap artificial intelligence in Biden video

The Republican National Committee on Tuesday countered President Biden's video announcing his reelection bid with one depicting a dystopian view of what another four-year term would look like that the RNC said was generated with aid of artificial intelligence software.

The 30-second video opens with a strained Biden voice addressing "my fellow Americans" and poses the question: "What if the weakest president we've ever had were reelected?"

Images that the RNC said were AI-generated follow, along with fake reports by what sound like news reporters.

An "emboldened" China is shown invading Taiwan. Shuttered storefronts are depicted as viewers are told 500 regional banks have closed, sending financial markets into free fall.

A mass of migrants crossing a river is depicted as the viewers are told that the US border has been overrun by a surge of "illegals." And military troops are seen on the outskirts of San Francisco as viewers are informed the city has been closed due to crime and fentanyl.

"Who's in charge here? It feels like the train is coming off the tracks," a narrator says as the video closes.

An unusual disclaimer appears in the upper left-hand corner of the RNC ad. "Built entirely with AI imagery," reads the small white text accompanying the ad.

Such political ads are likely to become more common as AI technology proliferates. The RNC said it used the approach to "look into the country's possible future if Joe Biden is reelected in 2024."

AI language models and image generators have become increasingly accessible over the last year, resulting in a torrent of realistic-looking fake visuals accompanying major news events. Campaigns eager to stay on the cutting edge have been testing out the tools — dabbling with different prompts for speeches in the style of certain politicians and enhancing fund-raising pitches with AI-generated art.

WASHINGTON POST

Mont. GOP representatives cancel session amid protests

HELENA, Mont. — Republican leaders abruptly canceled a planned session of the Montana House of Representatives on Tuesday, a day after their refusal to let a transgender lawmaker speak led to angry protests and arrests in the House chamber.

Police officers in riot gear cleared the House gallery Monday and arrested seven people, according to local news reports, after a day of protests that grew more intense following a rally on the Capitol steps in support of Representative Zooey Zephyr.

In a brief news conference Tuesday, the Republican speaker of the House, Matt Regier, said Montana legislators had not silenced anyone and blamed Zephyr for the standoff.

Monday's session began with protesters cramming the House gallery and Democrats objecting when Zephyr, the Legislature's first transgender member, tried to speak and was not recognized. Republicans upheld the denial in a party-line vote, and Regier called on Zephyr to apologize for comments she made on the House floor last week.

Protesters in the balcony began yelling, "Let her speak." As Zephyr stood and held her microphone in the air, Regier ordered the gallery cleared, and police officers moved in with batons and face shields. "I am devoted to those who rise in defense of democracy," Zephyr said in a tweet after the arrests Monday, while Republican leaders released a statement calling it a "riot by far-left agitators."

The increasingly tense confrontation started last Tuesday when Zephyr, a first-term Democrat representing Missoula, made an impassioned speech on the House floor, saying lawmakers who voted against transition care for minors "should be ashamed" and that she hoped they would "see the blood on your hands."

The Montana Freedom Caucus, a group of conservative lawmakers, responded by accusing Zephyr of using "hateful rhetoric."

Regier then refused to call on Zephyr during the debate over two other bills last week, including one that would define sex as binary depending on whether a person produces eggs or sperm.

NEW YORK TIMES

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ALLIED VISIT — Vice President Kamala Harris shook hands with South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol during their remarks following a tour of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Tuesday in Greenbelt, Md. Yoon was later expected to visit the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., with President Biden.

Yosemite closes over flooding threat as huge snowpack melts in Calif.

Communities gear up for massive deluge

By Amy Taxin and Jae C. Hong
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEMOORE, Calif. — Ron Caetano is packed and ready to go. His family photos and valuables are in the trailer and he's put food in carry totes. He moved the rabbits and chickens and their automatic feeders to higher ground.

He and his family and dogs could get out in less than an hour, they figure, should more heavy rain or hot weather melt so much mountain snow that gushing water overwhelms the rivers and channel that surround their tight-knit, rural Central California community and give it its name, the Island District.

"The water is coming this way," said Caetano, who started a Facebook group to help organize his neighbors. "I am preparing for the worst and praying for the best and that's all we can do."

After more than a dozen atmospheric rivers dumped epic rain and snowfall on California, a reservoir that stores water upstream is expected to receive three times its capacity in the coming months. Caetano and his neighbors in the tree-lined Island District, home to a school, pistachio orchards, and horse ranches about halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, could soon be marooned by rising rivers or flooded out.

To the east, Yosemite National Park announced Tuesday on social media that most of the valley will close starting late Friday and stay closed at least until May 3 because of expected flooding from melting snow from the Sierra Nevada. Reservations for campgrounds and lodging in the eastern Yosemite Valley will automatically be canceled and refunded.

Other areas including western Yosemite Valley will remain open, officials said.

In the Island District, water managers are concerned that this same spring snowmelt will be so massive that the north fork of the Kings River won't be able to contain it and carry it toward the Pacific Ocean. Much of the water also is being channeled into the river's south fork, which winds through the area near the small city of Lemoore to fill a vast basin.

More than a century ago, that basin was an enormous body of freshwater known as Tulare Lake, the largest west of the Mississippi River. It would grow in winter as snowmelt streamed down from the mountains. But over time, settlers dammed and diverted waterways to irrigate crops, and the lake went dry. Now, Tulare Lake reappears only during the rainiest years, like this one, covering what is now a vast swath of farmland with water.

Today, paved roads vanish beneath the lake's lapping waves and utility poles and trees jut out above the water, vestiges of land-living put on hold. Fields that typically grow wheat, tomatoes, and other crops lie underneath.

David Merritt, general manager for the Kings River Conservation District, said the Pine Flat Reservoir about 50 miles upstream can hold up to 1 million acre feet of water, but is expected to receive more than 3 million acre feet this spring from the melting snow. Officials have been forced to increase the flow of water out of the reservoir to make space for more, Merritt said.

"Once we're at capacity, now you're putting a lot of stress on those conveyance channels," Merritt said. "It's a very fast moving stream and it's very deep right now."

Island District residents have revived a decades-old network of neighbors for the first time since 1983 to assist each other in the event of a crisis. The last time the Island Property Protection Association activated, there was no such thing as text messages or even e-mails to quickly spread the word, said Tony Oliveira, a former county supervisor and the network's administrator.

In a week, more than 200 people volunteered to help neighbors through the network, and the group's website received more than 4,000 hits.

"It's going to be four months of holding our breath," Oliveira said.

The winter rains were welcomed by California's parched cities and desperate growers, who have been grappling with intense drought for the past several years. The state has long tended toward wet and dry periods, but scientists at the University of California San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography have said they expect climate change will lead to drier dry years and wetter wet years.

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Ron Caetano opened a box in a trailer packed with his family's belongings in anticipation of flooding.

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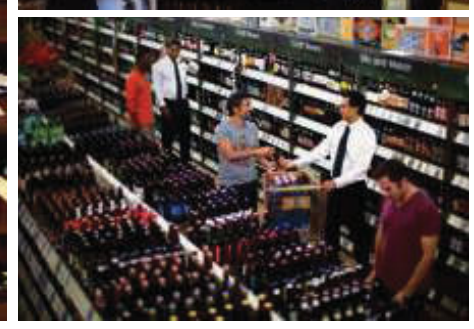

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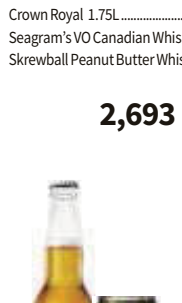

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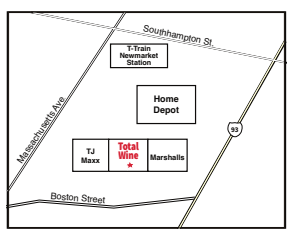

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Economy is most likely to dictate Biden's fate

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put Biden's approval rating on the economy well below his overall anemic job approval.

"The number one thing that dictates the president's approval rating is the economic numbers," said Republican strategist Alex Conant. "If the economy is not healthy . . . it's very difficult for a president to win reelection."

Biden and his supporters clearly understand how important the economy is to winning another term.

Even before he released his announcement video Tuesday, Biden had been traveling the country in recent months touting his economic achievements. Those include more than 12 million new jobs created under his watch, a bipartisan infrastructure law that is funding thousands of projects nationwide, and legislation that reduces the cost of prescription drugs.

"Our economic plan is working. We now have to finish the job and there's more to do," Biden declared in a speech in Washington on Tuesday to a conference of North America's Building Trades Unions. "Through our policies, the pace of inflation has been coming down now for nine months in a row with more to go."

Republicans see high inflation as a major liability for the president, blaming what they call "Bidenflation" solely on increased government spending during his administration. The economy was the first thing former president Donald Trump focused on in a written statement before Biden's reelection announcement, ahead of immigration, crime, and foreign policy.

"Thanks to Joe Biden's socialist spending calamity, American families are being decimated by the worst inflation in half a century," said Trump, the polling front-runner for the 2024 Republican nomination. Ronna McDaniel, chair of the Republican National Committee, warned that "inflation will continue to skyrocket" among other problems if Biden is reelected.

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"Our economic plan is working," President Biden declared to a conference of North America's Building Trades Unions.

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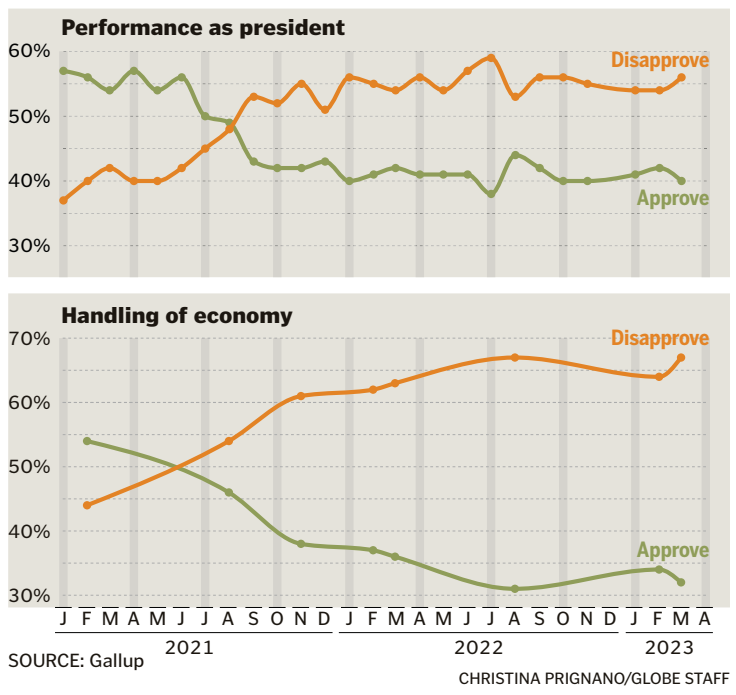
'Those are things that may not be front and center in everyone's mind, but that's what keeps America moving.'

MARTIN J. WALSH, *on President Biden's accomplishments*

Biden's approval ratings since Jan. 2021

The president's poll rating on his handling of the economy has consistently been lower than his overall approval rating.



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The annual inflation rate as measured by the consumer price index hit 9.1 percent last June, the highest since 1981, as increased COVID rescue spending combined with snarled global supply chains and a sharp increase in oil prices after Russia invaded Ukraine. The independent Federal Reserve has been aggressively raising interest rates to try to return price growth to normal levels.

That effort has been working — the annual consumer price index was down to 5 percent last month. But as the higher rates slow economic growth, they risk triggering a recession that would force people out of work during the presidential campaign.

A mild recession this year might not badly damage Biden's reelection chances if the economy clearly is growing again and hiring picks up in the months before the election, analysts said. But a recession that lingers well into next year or doesn't begin until then could be a major problem for Biden, said Allan Lichtman, a political historian at American University who has studied presidential campaigns.

"As Herbert Hoover once said, 'The president gets the credit for the sunshine and the blame for the rain,' " Lichtman said.

Lichtman said he has developed a system of 13 metrics that has correctly predicted the winner of every presidential election since 1984. Short-term and long-term economic performance by the party in power are two of them. And history has shown the negative impact a recession can have on a president's reelection.

George H.W. Bush lost in 1992 as people were still struggling with the effects of a 1990-1991 recession despite his approval rating hitting 89 percent at the end of the Persian Gulf War. Conversely, an improving economy after a deep recession helped deliver a win for Ronald Reagan in 1984.

"For two or three years, Reagan's approval ratings were abysmal . . . but luckily everything turned up in the election year," Lichtman said.

Reagan's approval rating hit a low of 35 percent in early 1983, according to the Gallup polling firm. He went on to win a landslide reelection as economic growth boomed. Biden's approval rating was 40 percent last month, according to Gallup. His rating on the economy was 32 percent in the same poll, near the low point of his tenure.

Former labor secretary Martin J. Walsh, a close friend of Biden's, thinks the president has delivered on the economy.

"Obviously there are issues in front of us like inflation that we still have to deal with and bring down," said the former Boston mayor, who recently resigned from Biden's Cabinet and attended the Tuesday speech after receiving an award from the building trades organization. "But when you talk about the job creation, getting people back to work, building the infrastructure of America . . . those are things that may not be front and center in everyone's mind, but that's what keeps America moving."

Democratic strategist Simon Rosenberg said it's good that Biden has begun his campaign so he can address the economic attacks.

"He's got to get his numbers up on the economy. He's got to get his job approval numbers up. But those are doable things . . . particularly if you put a billion dollars in TV advertising behind it," said Rosenberg, who correctly predicted that high inflation would not lead to a Republican wave in last year's midterm elections because voters would reject the party's extremism.

"When we tell our story about the economy, we know we can improve our standing," he said. "I'd rather be us than them."

Biden has already begun trying to make his case on the economy, as well as attacking Republicans on the issue. On Tuesday, he contrasted his "blue collar blueprint for rebuilding America" with what he called the Republican "trickle down" economic strategy focused on lower taxes for the wealthy.

"Folks, trickle down economics doesn't work," Biden told the building trades group. "We have a very different plan for the economy. . . . We're turning things around and we're doing it in a big way."

Conant acknowledged that the economy is in pretty good shape right now and inflation is trending in the right direction. But voters will make decisions based on their individual circumstances. And Biden will get the blame if people feel they are worse off regardless of the economic data, Conant said.

"The old joke is, a recession is when your neighbor loses a job and a depression is when you lose your job. . . . High gas prices, inflation, rising unemployment all hit consumers very hard and become huge political liabilities," Conant said. "Voters are going to punish the White House if they feel that the economic situation is hurting them."

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Top adviser will lead reelection campaign

By Katie Glueck
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President Biden on Tuesday named Julie Chávez Rodríguez as the campaign manager for his reelection effort, elevating a senior adviser and the highest-ranking Latina in the White House to one of the most intense and scrutinized jobs in American politics.

Chávez Rodríguez, 45, a veteran of the Obama administration and of Vice President Kamala Harris's political orbit, also worked on Biden's 2020 presidential campaign before becoming director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. She is the granddaughter of Cesar Chávez, the iconic labor leader.

Several Democrats said Chávez Rodríguez had impressed Biden, 80, and his top advisers, who see her as a team player with strong political relationships.

She "didn't start off as a Biden person, but she's always been an honest broker," said Cristóbal Alex, who worked on the 2020 Biden campaign and in the White House. In both places, he said, some came to embrace the slogan "in Julie we trust."

She has not managed a campaign before. But she was a deputy campaign manager on the 2020 Biden campaign. At the White House, she dealt regularly with governors, mayors, and other state and local leaders and led emergency response coordination efforts.

"The ability to multitask, the ability to move on a dime, to be able to step back and sort of take in the complexity and then manage through that complexity — I can't imagine a more challenging job than the one she's had," said Governor Phil Murphy, a New Jersey Democrat and the chair of the National Governors Association. "I'm not making light of what it's like to run a presidential campaign for a second. It's a big job. But she's had a big job."

She is also closely connected to Harris, who may draw particular attention from voters because of Biden's age.

"Her deep relationships with Biden's core team and a deep relationship with the vice president's office, I think, makes for the ideal candidate," said Juan Rodriguez, a strategist who worked with her under Harris.

GOP hopefuls still struggling to clarify stances on abortion

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in the country. Since the Supreme Court overturned the federal right to an abortion last year, it's become a top issue on the minds of the electorate. And the Republican Party has been left to figure out how to navigate the aftermath and remain politically viable, as abortion access has repeatedly proven to be popular with voters.

One of the details left unaddressed by Haley was her position on a national ban after 15 weeks, but that omission wasn't unnoticed. Less than two hours after the conclusion of her speech, SBA Pro-Life America sent out a statement informing reporters that Haley "supported protecting unborn children by at least 15 weeks."

Ken Farnaso, press secretary for Haley's campaign, told the Globe in a statement that "Nikki was very clear in her speech — she believes there is a federal role to play in protecting as many babies and helping as many moms as possible. She wants to work on finding national consensus on a host of pro-life positions, like banning late-term abortion." He did not respond to a question about whether Haley supports the 15-week ban. But SBA Pro-Life America told the Globe that Haley had "assured" them she would support it.

The issue of abortion will almost certainly remain at the forefront of political discourse, as a large portion of the country has rolled back abortion access on the state level, and challenges to some of those restrictions continue to play out in the courts. Just this month, for example, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, a potential presidential candidate, signed a ban on abortions after six weeks in his state. And last week, the Supreme Court stepped in to block restrictions to mifepristone, a drug used in a common two-step regimen for abortions, as the rest of a case challenging its FDA approval plays out.

"This is going to play an increasingly important role in presidential elections going forward," said Ken Spain, a Republican political strategist. "Republicans were clobbered on the issue last year, and now they're in the stage of trying to figure out, how do you talk about this issue in a way that doesn't turn off critical constituencies?"

Haley is not the only Republican presidential hopeful to struggle with defining her position. Earlier this month, Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, who has launched an exploratory committee for a potential run for president, also struggled to present a clear position on abortion issues while traveling in early states. While initially reluctant to answer questions about whether he would support a 15-week ban, he recently expressed support for it, and told NBC News that he would support the "most conservative pro-life legislation" sent to his desk if he were president.

Even former president Donald Trump has been tripped up on the issue. After suggesting the issue was the cause of his party's lackluster midterm season, he drew backlash from antiabortion groups. And in a recent statement from Trump's spokesman, the Trump campaign said he believes the issue should be left up to the states. That is not without its own risks, as the antiabortion wing of the party is also a key constituency in a Republican primary.

"President Trump's assertion that the Supreme Court returned the issue of abortion solely to the states is a completely inaccurate reading of the Dobbs decision and is a morally indefensible position for a self-proclaimed pro-life presidential candidate to hold. Life is a matter of human rights, not states' rights," said SBA Pro-Life America president Marjorie Dannenfelser in a statement. "We will oppose any presidential candidate who refuses to embrace at a minimum a 15-week national standard to stop painful late-term abortions while allowing states to enact further protections.

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Nikki Haley was vague on her abortion position.

In a video played at the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition forum over the weekend, after the backlash to his campaign's statement, Trump touted his antiabortion credentials, and pointed to his Supreme Court choices as proof of his commitment.

However, not all the GOP hopefuls are hedging their antiabortion comments.

"This isn't a states-only decision," former vice president Mike Pence, a potential candidate, said over the weekend in a Face the Nation interview. "I think the American people would welcome a minimum national standard in Washington, D.C., 15 weeks."

A 15-week ban is an idea that mirrors a proposal introduced in Congress by Senator Lindsey Graham, but has otherwise not received much traction as Republicans regained control of the House after the 2022 midterms.

The hodgepodge of positions has left the party in a bind, after decades of opposing abortion in a largely symbolic way thanks to the longstanding Roe v. Wade precedent. Now that that's no longer in their way, they're feeling the pressure.

"It's been one of those issues where [Republicans] have not done a good enough job to make our case, and then you get caught into these extreme points of view and navigating through it," Senator Mike Braun, a Republican from Indiana, told the Globe when asked about the broader politics of abortion. "And to be honest, you're going to have to probably please the people in the middle that are trying to figure out what makes sense."

Meanwhile, Democrats have made their unity on abortion access a key selling point. At Howard University on Tuesday, Vice President Kamala Harris joined abortion rights advocacy groups for a rally supporting reproductive freedom, on the same day she and President Biden announced they would seek reelection.

"What's happening in our country right now is that these extremist so-called leaders would dare to tell us what is in our own best interest. Well I say, I trust the women of America . . . to make decisions about [themselves]," Harris said. "So don't get in our way because if you do, we're going to stand up, and we're going to organize, and we're going to speak up, and we're going to say, we're not having that. We're not playing that."

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REMEMBERING THE PAST — People waving flags and holding red carnations attended a demonstration in Lisbon Tuesday to commemorate the 49th anniversary of Portugal's Carnation Revolution, which ended 42 years of military dictatorship in Portugal.

In Israel, divisions mar a day for honor

Fissures evident on Memorial Day

By Isabel Kershner
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BEERSHEBA, Israel — At 11 a.m. Tuesday, Israel's annual Memorial Day, the hundreds of families gathered in the military cemetery in the southern city of Beersheba fell silent as a siren wailed to honor the country's war dead.

Minutes later, a commotion broke out as Itamar Ben-Gvir, the ultranationalist minister of national security, began speaking on behalf of the government, and shouting matches erupted over the graves between the families who opposed his presence at the cemetery and his supporters.

Many mourners left in shock and tears after the ceremony, but the angry confrontations continued outside the cemetery gates. Locals who supported Ben-Gvir and had applauded his speech hurled insults at people who criticized them or were protesting quietly, calling them "leftists," "anarchists," and "traitors."

Despite prior calls for unity by the country's political and military leaders, who had appealed to Israelis to put politics aside for one day, the scenes in Beersheba laid bare the depth of the fissures in Israeli society as the state celebrates the 75th anniversary of the nation's founding in 1948. Israel observes its Independence Day a day after Memorial Day according to the Hebrew calendar, with the festivities beginning at sundown Tuesday and continuing through Wednesday.

For 16 consecutive weeks, hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets to protest an effort by the government — the most right-wing and religiously conservative in Israel's history — to overhaul the judiciary in a way that critics say will undermine the country's democracy.

As Israel prepared to usher in the start of its Independence Day festivities Tuesday evening with a state ceremony featuring a traditional flag parade, musical performances, and fireworks, the atmosphere in the country was muted. Many citizens said they wondered whether Israel could survive its political and social divisions as well as it had survived its outside enemies.

The ceremony in Beersheba, a city of about 220,000, was expected to be a flashpoint once it was announced that Ben-Gvir had been assigned to represent the government there.

Some of the city's bereaved families had engaged for days in agonized discussions on a WhatsApp messaging group about how to respond to Ben-Gvir's attendance after he refused their appeals to stay away or at least not to speak.

There were suggestions of wearing earphones and listening to mournful songs or singing the national anthem while he spoke. Others decided to keep any protest outside the cemetery gates so as not to disturb those who felt differently. Several families visited the cemetery in the days before Memorial Day, having decided to avoid the official ceremony altogether.

Following protests, at least a half-dozen politicians canceled their planned appearances at other military cemeteries around the country in recent days. They included prominent ultra-Orthodox politicians who did not perform compulsory military service and some ministers from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative Likud party.

Netanyahu spoke uninterrupted at the main state memorial ceremony at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

But several other politicians were heckled at other cemeteries. Gila Gamliel, a Likud minister, was prevented from speaking by Druze demonstrators in Isfiya, a Druze town in northern Israel, and made do with laying a wreath. Another Likud minister, Ofir Akunis, gave his right to speak over to a bereaved mother at a cemetery near Tel Aviv.

A hot issue afflicts Arizona's governor: tamales

Lawmakers look to ease vendor restrictions

By Jack Healy
NEW YORK TIMES

PHOENIX — Milagros Cruz was down to her last $75 and sleeping in a car when she heard her mother's voice guiding her in a dream: *My girl, make tamales.*

Arizona did not make it easy. Although the state promotes itself as a low-tax, low-regulation haven for private enterprise, it does not allow the sale of perishable foods made at home. So for years, a thriving economy of working-class, mostly Latina home cooks has operated underground, selling tacos, tres leches cakes, and chile-dusted corn illegally from living rooms and outside laundromats and soccer games.

Cruz, 41, sells her pillowy green chile and pork tamales near a Phoenix auto parts store and worries about getting cited under a state law that punishes home cooks who break the rules with a $500 fine and six months in jail. She said she would gladly operate legally if she could, but the state offered no way for her to do so.

This month, Republicans who control the state's fractious Legislature came together with Democrats in a moment of unusual bipartisan accord to try to change all that. They passed a bill that would let Arizona's home cooks register with the state to legally sell perishable foods like salsas and tamales.

But Katie Hobbs, the state's new Democratic governor, vetoed the measure last week, citing concerns about the potential for foodborne illnesses, as well as rats and insects in home kitchens.

Her veto set off a ferocious culinary and cultural backlash from the Capitol to kitchens across Arizona, offering a political lesson for the new governor: Do not mess with the tamale makers.

"I respect our governor — I voted for our governor — but this veto, I do not agree with," said Imelda Hartley, who started her culinary career making tamales from home and now runs her Happy Tamales business in a commercial kitchen. "It's hurting our Latino community," Hartley said of the veto.

She said cooking from home was the only realistic choice for immigrants, many of them living in the country without legal permission, who wanted to get a toehold in running a food business. A cook can book time in a shared commercial kitchen more cheaply than renting an entire restaurant or buying a food truck, but Hartley said some of those shared spaces have long waiting lists and can be hard to reach without a car.

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Alexandra Herrera responded to messages while she prepared tamales in Phoenix Sunday.

Republicans, who slammed Hobbs for preserving restrictions on small businesses, tried unsuccessfully to override her veto Tuesday, with a rally featuring food vendors outside the Capitol and "Free the Tamales" stickers. But most Democrats stood by the governor, with one Democratic lawmaker deriding the override effort as Republican "pandering" to Latino voters.

Yet some Democrats have criticized her for killing what is widely being called the "tamale bill."

They said her move was a slap in the face of Latino constituents who voted for Hobbs and whose support was crucial in a politically fractured state that is about 32 percent Latino. Critics said her veto would hurt the working-class immigrants that Hobbs had championed during her campaign.

Under Arizona's tamale bill (or "tamal bill," to use the Spanish spelling), home cooks making perishable foods who take a $10 online food safety class, register with the state, and label their foods could join the roughly 15,000 people who are already registered as part of Arizona's legal "cottage food" industry, selling homemade tortillas, cookies, roasted nuts, and other foods that do not need refrigeration. Several tamale vendors said they would gladly register with the state if they could.

Informal food businesses are an economic lifeline for thousands of people across the country, many of them women living in the country without legal permission.

But it is precarious work, and vendors say they worry about being fined or reported to authorities. In 2019, a woman selling churros in New York City was handcuffed by the police, and last year, a Texas county health department confiscated 25 dozen tamales that a couple was selling illegally from the back of their car.

"I always worry about being cited," said Javier Lara, 48, who works at a countertop maker and on weekends sells green chile tamales from his kitchen in Phoenix, using a recipe his grandmother taught him. "I make minimum wage; I've got to make extra money. Anything I can do to survive in this world."

Nearly a year after that night in the car when Cruz dreamed about her mother's advice, her new business, called La Tamalería, is growing fast.

City aiming to upgrade White Stadium and draw a team

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have for a stadium upgrade that benefits Boston students and the surrounding Franklin Park community and stakeholders.

The "Boston Unity" group is a female-led group of investors formed last year after the NWSL announced expansion plans. Two teams, from the Bay Area in California and Salt Lake Utah City, have been approved to begin play next year, with Boston a viable contender for one of the remaining two slots. The request for proposals process is public and open to any private bidder. The Boston Unity group and the city have been in discussions for months, and there is a mutual attraction that makes the soccer group a logical potential partner for the city.

"That would be an incredible opportunity for Boston Public Schools and the opportunities for young people to see, up close, the city add another championship team and to see athletes at that level with women's soccer taking off around the world," Wu said in an interview.

Ensuring it has a viable stadium to play in is a crucial hurdle the "Boston Unity" group has to clear in order to get a nod from the NWSL.

"White Stadium is one of Boston's most important community resources, and we're excited by the prospect of having it serve as the home for Boston's future NWSL club," said Jennifer Epstein, controlling owner of the investment group behind Boston Unity.

Proposals for the project are due in late June.

BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper hailed the effect a remodeled stadium would have on students, saying in a statement that "this is a chance to reimagine White Stadium as a hub for BPS Athletics."

There is a lot of room for improvement at the stadium.

Wedged into the northern tip of Franklin Park, the 78-year-old George White Schoolboy Stadium, built in 1945, is in rough shape, with its twin clamshell-shaped grandstands and grounds a study in building-code noncompliance, peeling paint, crumbling concrete, rusting innards, and its six-lane rubberized track pitted with holes.

The east grandstand can be used only for seating now since a long-ago fire rendered its concourse and interior space unusable.

Despite its condition, White Stadium is still heavily used throughout the spring, summer, and fall with track and field and cross-country events, soccer and football games, BPS graduations, and community events.

"White Stadium should be a jewel in the city and for many, many years it was a treasure for athletes across the state as a renowned legendary site for important games and sporting events," said Wu. "It was built in 1945 and it's still used today, but it's been in serious disrepair for some time."

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The city proposal offers a list of requirements for a winning private bid, including renovation of the west grandstand.

The city proposal spells out a lengthy list of requirements for any winning private bid. The winner must agree to a 10-year lease from the city, at an annual rent of at least $400,000, with two 10-year contract extensions. The leaseholder would be responsible for renovating the west grandstand of the stadium.

Criteria for a winning proposal beyond prioritizing availability for BPS students and the Franklin Park community include: a transportation and parking plan that minimizes congestion in the surrounding densely populated area of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain; a set number of dates each year for the leaseholder to use the stadium, allowing the west grandstand to be used for BPS and city-sponsored events; a diversity, equity, and inclusion plan that includes design, construction, and ongoing operations; and an economic development plan that includes the goal of closing the racial wealth gap.

Hatim Jean-Louis is the head cross-country coach for BPS and is intimately familiar with the stadium and Franklin Park. Along with others from BPS, he learned about the request for proposals on a Monday Zoom call.

He sees only upside to what an upgrade of White Stadium would mean to Boston students and their parents.

"What it would do to the psyche and the morale of BPS kids is, it would send a charge. More [students] would be, 'I want to be in it,' " said Jean-Louis. "I believe more families will be up to keeping their kids in BPS, because maybe now they feel like, 'Oh, I can send my kid to BC High and he or she would get the better facility, the better track,' right?"

Epstein is the founder of Juno Equity, with Anna Palmer, a general partner at Flybridge Capital; Stephanie Connaughton, an angel investor, adviser, and mentor with early stage start-ups; and Ami Kuan Danoff, cofounder and CFO of the Women's Foundation of Boston, as managing partners of "Boston Unity." Boston Globe Media Partners CEO Linda Henry is an investor in the group.

The Boston Breakers played in the NWSL up until 2018.

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EDITORIAL

The reasons to look beyond Joe Biden's age

The announcement was greeted by snickering on the right, skepticism on the left, and worries everywhere about his mental acuity and physical stamina. Welcome to President Biden's reelection campaign, which formally kicked off via video on Tuesday.

"Freedom," the president intoned at the top of the glossy three-minute spot, which opened with tear-gas blurred images of the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the US Capitol. "That's been the work of my first term. To fight for our democracy."

What the video does not mention is the president's advanced age, which is 80. He is the oldest president in US history and would be 86 at the end of a second term. By significant margins, most voters, including Democrats, do not think he should run again, citing age as a major reason.

Those concerns are valid, and the president would do well to address them. The stresses of governing from the Oval Office while running a national campaign are unimaginably arduous, even for the young. Biden needs to be transparent about his mental and physical health. And he should not stint on his public appearances so that voters and the news media have ample opportunities to assess his condition.

But for all the worries, there are compelling arguments for why the president deserves a second term and for why, despite his years, he seems able to continue leading the country.

Start with the accomplishments of his first three years. Within four months of taking office, he signed a $1.9 trillion stimulus bill that provided much-needed relief to families and businesses hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic, expanded subsidies under the Affordable Care Act, and increased tax credits for families with children.

Just seven months later, he signed a $1 trillion infrastructure bill that is helping deliver not just jobs, but also vital work on roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems — the very things Donald Trump repeatedly promised as president but somehow never could push through a Congress controlled by his own party.

Last summer, with Biden's support, Congress provided billions more to spur the domestic manufacture of microchips, critical components in nearly all electronic devices and advanced weaponry. The measure received bipartisan support because it both expands jobs and strengthens the nation's chip industry in its competition with Chinese companies.

> But whatever one thinks of the policies, it is hard to escape one fact: Someone was steering the ship of state that enacted them. And that someone was Joe Biden.

On gun safety, Biden signed legislation expanding background checks, banning romantic partners convicted of domestic abuse from owning a gun, and easing law enforcement's ability to take guns from people deemed dangerous to themselves or others. It was the most significant gun legislation passed in 30 years.

And even on immigration, the hardest of many hard issues in Washington these days, the Biden administration has used temporary humanitarian programs to allow what The New York Times said could be "the largest expansion of legal immigration in decades." In the face of unwavering Republican gridlock, the president's limited approach has brought some relief to migrants fleeing conflict, famine, and oppression.

On virtually all of these policies, progressives have complained about the president's lack of boldness, while conservatives have bemoaned government overreach and overspending that they say has fueled inflation.

But whatever one thinks of the policies, it is hard to escape one fact: Someone was steering the ship of state that enacted them. And that someone was Joe Biden.

The president's hand is perhaps even more clearly on the tiller of foreign policy. Republicans assert that hand was abysmally shaky in his handling of the chaotic US withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021 and the stunningly rapid collapse of the US-backed government to the advancing Taliban. This is to some extent true. But in the end, the withdrawal — a promise made but not fulfilled by both Barack Obama and Trump — was completed and the nation's long engagement in a hopeless war ended. This is precisely what the American public said it wanted.

Far less shaky has been Biden's handling of the West's response to Russia's war against Ukraine, where he has supported billions in military aid to the outgunned Ukrainian forces. Amid nuclear threats from President Vladimir Putin of Russia, Biden has carefully walked the line between assisting Ukraine while avoiding US military actions that could escalate the war into Europe. Along the way, Biden has strengthened the Atlantic alliance that Trump did so much to weaken.

So where does the nation stand? Inflation remains stubbornly above ideal levels, but it is also down substantially from last year's peak. Unemployment, meanwhile, remains near historic lows, including for people of color. And while that low unemployment has come with labor shortages in certain sectors, it has also meant lower-wage workers have been able to command higher pay. Are there warning signs of recession on the horizon? Of course there are. But the possibility of economic growth is also very real.

Biden would seem to face a daunting road to a second term, with his approval rating hovering around 40 percent, little different from Trump's during the third year of his presidency. But it is worth noting that Biden's rating is also similar to where Obama and Ronald Reagan stood in the polls just before they ran for reelection. Both won.

Elections, after all, do not entail choosing between a candidate and an ideal. They are competitions between fallible human beings, with all their individual strengths and weakness, ideas and passions, personalities and values on perpetual display. If that candidate is Donald Trump, which seems very likely, his values are clear: narcissism, authoritarianism, mean-spiritedness. The choice for voters should be equally clear.

CORRECTION An editorial on April 25 incorrectly stated the number of senior managers who live more than 100 miles from an MBTA stop. The correct number is at least eight.

JEFF JACOBY

Your credit score is excellent, so prepare to be penalized

You've always dreamed of owning your own home. For years you've worked to make that dream a reality, putting part of each paycheck aside as you save up for a down payment. You know that to get a favorable mortgage rate you'll need to have a good credit score, so you've been scrupulous about paying your bills on time, never maxing out your credit cards, and sticking to a budget you can afford.

Now, at last, you're ready to be a homeowner. Thanks to your excellent financial habits, your credit score is a solid 740. You've found the house of your dreams and applied for a mortgage. You've accumulated enough in savings to be able to make an extremely respectable down payment of 20 percent. Based on everything you've learned about mortgage borrowing, that should more than qualify you for the most favorable interest rate and fees available. Right?

Wrong.

You've done everything you were supposed to do, so this may come as an unwelcome surprise: *Because* your credit rating is so good and your down payment is so high, the Biden administration has decided to penalize you with a hefty new fee and a higher mortgage rate. As of May 1, mortgage costs for home buyers with risky credit backgrounds will be reduced, resulting in more favorable interest rates. In order to subsidize that discount for less creditworthy borrowers, someone has to pay more. That someone is you and buyers like you — those with credit scores higher than 680 and down payments of 15 percent or more.

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As of May 1, mortgage costs for home buyers with risky credit will be reduced.

The fees involved are called loan-level price adjustments, or LLPAs. These are charges paid upfront; they apply to all mortgages controlled by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two giant government-chartered finance firms that buy up most home mortgages. LLPA fees are determined by a borrower's credit score and down payment size, and are commonly converted into percentage points that affect the buyer's interest rate.

Lending to borrowers with lower credit scores is risky, since by definition they're less likely to pay back what they borrow. To cover that risk, lenders have to charge them more for mortgages. That makes it harder for low-income borrowers, who are disproportionately Black, to qualify for loans, which exacerbates the racial gap in homeownership. Hence the Biden administration's plan to "increase pricing support for purchase borrowers limited by income or by wealth," to quote Sandra Thompson, the director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Borrowers with great credit scores will pay higher fees so that those with not-so-great scores can get a discount, thereby enabling more people with poor credit to buy homes.

The only thing wrong with that theory is — everything.

First and foremost, it is egregiously unfair to creditworthy borrowers like you. David Stevens, who headed the Federal Housing Administration under President Barack Obama, has crunched the numbers. He estimates that on a $400,000 loan with a 6 percent mortgage rate, a home buyer in your position, with a credit score of 740 and 20 percent paid down, can expect a $40-a-month hike in your monthly bill. That means a loss of $480 per year, or more than $14,000 over the course of a 30-year mortgage — funds unavailable for home improvement, for a child's education, or for anything else.

Second, it is not a kindness to qualify borrowers for mortgages they can't afford. Doesn't the White House remember the 2008 subprime loan crisis? Lenders went bankrupt, homes were foreclosed on, the housing market collapsed, and the credit of untold thousands of Americans was shredded, largely because of government policies that promoted lending to borrowers who weren't creditworthy.

Third, boosting the buying power of would-be homeowners with lower incomes won't change the number of affordable houses available for sale. It will simply boost demand for houses already in short supply. When demand rises and supply doesn't, the result is higher prices. How will that increase homeownership rates?

Penalizing people who are financially responsible in order to subsidize those who are not is terribly unwise. Like other Biden administration policies in recent years — such as the plan to unilaterally forgive student debt, preventing evictions for nonpayment of rent, and prolonging unemployment and health care benefits for people who chose not to work — the new mortgage fees amount to a tax on responsible behavior.

The way to expand homeownership is not to undermine credit scores. It is to get lower-income earners to do what you did — pay their bills faithfully, live within their means, and save for the future. You shouldn't be punished for having done the right thing, and no one who didn't should be getting a reward.

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SCOT LEHIGH

Biden offers America a choice he doubts we can refuse

Joe Biden has made it official. He's wagering Americans will reelect him in 2024, like it or not.

Right now, they largely don't; seventy percent say he shouldn't seek a second term, according to a new NBC News poll. That's true even among Democrats, slightly more than half of whom don't want him to run.

Indeed, those surveyed said they would opt for a generic Republican over Biden, 47 percent to 41 percent. Many cited age as a major concern about Biden, who is 80 now and would be 86 by the end of a second term.

At first glance that looks daunting.

But not to Biden-world. Knowledgeable sources say denizens of that closely kept council believe a majority of Americans will vote for him if he's up against someone they view even more skeptically. That is, Donald Trump or a Trump-like MAGA Republican. And with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's candidacy crashing back on its campaign launching pad and no other putative Republican candidate near achieving escape velocity, Trump remains the frontrunner for the GOP nomination.

Most surveys show Biden beating Trump in hypothetical 2024 head-to-heads — and to Biden-world, those are the only polls that matter.

Meanwhile, the Democratic incumbent has every reason to be happy with the state of affairs in his own party. Although two gadflies — staff-terrorizing new-age rage sage Marianne Williamson and vaxadoodle conspiracy theorist Robert F. Kennedy — have declared, a serious Democratic challenger has not. Even if one does emerge, history suggests the incumbent almost inevitably wins those intraparty contests.

Thus Biden's bet: Whatever their beginning misgivings, mainstream Americans will eventually reembrace him, driven by the danger Trump and Trumpism present to our democracy.

Biden's Tuesday announcement video made that calculation all but explicit, starting with footage of the Jan. 6, 2021, storming of the US Capitol and warning that "around the country, MAGA extremists are lining up" to reverse "bedrock" American freedoms. Against that threat, Biden styled himself as the protector of Social Security, abortion rights, gay equality, and the right to vote.

If most Americans don't want a Trump return, the former president's Make America Great Again movement does — and that's the GOP's big problem. No porous border there. Trump's lies have built a virtual wall that keeps truth from crossing into MAGA-land. And though MAGA is far from an American majority, Trump's supporters remain a powerful plurality inside the Republican Party — one strong enough to deliver him the nomination in a multicandidate field.

Provided, that is, other events don't intervene. Most seriously, Trump faces criminal charges in Manhattan for allegedly filing false business records to hide hush money payments to a porn star. A special federal counsel is investigating his administration's efforts to subvert the 2020 presidential election results. A Georgia county prosecutor is probing the skulduggery there. The New York attorney general is suing him in civil court for supposed business fraud. He also faces a civil suit for alleged rape.

But whatever the outcome of any or all that, it seems unlikely to faze most of MAGA.

Unlike Trump, Biden's big problem is not what's known about his past but what's unknown about his future. That is, how he will age in his 80s.

Republicans have been portraying him as lost in a senescent fog even before he took up residence in the White House. A conceptual quandary for the GOP: If Biden is indeed senile, then a man in his dotage beat Trump in both of their 2020 debates and outfoxed congressional Republicans in the impromptu sparring over Social Security and Medicare during his February State of the Union speech.

But what lies ahead? As several senior readers told me a few months back when I asked for their thoughts about Biden running again, health-wise, not much good happens after 80. During his first term, we have watched Biden go from a candidate who mock-jogged onto the stage to one who moves with a stiff elderly gait.

Worries about his age are compounded by a lack of confidence in Vice President Kamala Harris. (Imagine what they'd be saying about Harris if her performance had been as bad as Ron DeSantis's as he has auditioned on the national stage.) But Biden's announcement video featured Harris prominently, all but declaring that she will remain his political partner in the 2024 campaign.

Biden's road is hardly without risk. If a reasonable Republican were to emerge as the GOP nominee, a deft political magician who is acceptable both to MAGA and the American middle, all bets would be off.

But Biden-world doesn't see that happening.

If electioneering slogans encompassed a campaign's real calculations, Biden's banners and buttons would be embossed with this take-your-medicine message: *Mainstream America, we're calling your bluff. Like it or not, you have to vote Biden.*

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RENÉE GRAHAM

The next Tucker Carlson

On April 18, 2017, Bill O'Reilly, Fox News's chief bloviator, was the nation's top-rated cable news host with his show, "The O'Reilly Factor," drawing millions of viewers on weeknights.

The next day he was gone, jettisoned from his perch atop right-wing media after published reports about serial sexual harassment allegations against him, as well as Fox's own damning internal investigation.

Many of us rejoiced to see O'Reilly, who among other things spent numerous segments fomenting hate against Dr. George Tiller, an abortion provider who was eventually murdered by an antiabortion zealot in 2009, forced out and his bullhorn snatched away.

And just like anyone who is pro-democracy and anti-white supremacy, many were thrilled Monday with the stunning announcement that Tucker Carlson, O'Reilly's successor, was abruptly dumped from his eponymous nightly show. According to The Wall Street Journal, which, like Fox News, is owned by Rupert Murdoch, Carlson learned he was being bounced only 10 minutes before the network released a terse statement about his departure. His final show aired April 21.

LEIGH VOGEL/NEW YORK TIMES

Tucker Carlson spoke at a Heritage Foundation event in National Harbor, Md., on April 21.

While there's still no definitive explanation as to why Carlson was fired, let there be no doubt — just as Carlson replaced O'Reilly, Fox will replace Carlson with someone even worse.

These are tumultuous times for Fox. Last week, the network agreed to pay a staggering $787.5 million to Dominion Voting Systems to settle a defamation lawsuit after the network's biggest stars — including Carlson — lied that the company's voting machines helped rig the 2020 presidential election leading to Donald Trump's historic loss to Joe Biden. Text messages showed that Fox personalities privately denounced the absurd claims made by Trump and his surrogates.

Losing Carlson is another blow. It didn't matter that he didn't believe what he was spewing about Dominion or anything else; what he knew to be true never stopped him from spreading lies corrosive to democracy, the electoral process, and America itself.

On his nightly white power hour, Carlson railed against transgender people, critical race theory, and abortion rights. He was less like a TV host than Donald Trump's communications director. He amplified paranoid, racist, and antisemitic great replacement theory. After months of downplaying the COVID-19 pandemic, he then questioned the safety and efficacy of COVID vaccines, leading to higher rates of infection and death among Fox News devotees.

Carlson called acquitted killer Kyle Rittenhouse "a sweet kid" and lied that George Floyd died from a fentanyl overdose, not from white Minneapolis cop Derek Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes. Airing strategically edited video from Jan. 6, he whitewashed violent insurrectionists as "peaceful" and compared them to "sightseers."

For years Carlson was white supremacy's avatar, embraced in full by Republicans lurching toward fascism. And that earned Fox billions and a loyalty from viewers that the GOP politicians the network controlled wanted for themselves.

Now Carlson is out. But while his firing looks sudden, it might have been in the works for a while — meaning Fox executives may already know which hate merchant will be the next to slide into that coveted 8 p.m. slot. And just as Carlson was worse than O'Reilly, Fox will probably choose someone who will carve even darker paths of division, racism, and mendacity.

Finding someone willing to spread manufactured white fury for an hour every weeknight on Fox won't be difficult. Their only charge will be to keep telling their audience every lie they want to hear: Migrants are coming to replace white people and steal their voting power; mental health issues (which they otherwise never mention), not lax gun regulations and Republican intransigence, fuel this nation's gun violence epidemic; those who can get pregnant, their families, and doctors can't be trusted to make private decisions about reproductive health care; and drag queens are America's greatest threat to children.

As for Carlson, he will inevitably float up in some other reactionary cesspool. Doing anything quietly, including going away, seems against his nature, especially with a presidential election next year. But to hang onto his viewers, Fox needs to show that its commitment to sustaining white supremacy and legitimizing its fears is unwavering.

With great success, that's what it did after O'Reilly's firing. Fox will survive its post-Carlson world because its foul brew has proven more durable than the personalities it proffers and profits from in a nation where acolytes of white rage are never in short supply.

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INBOX

A concerted effort to ease housing woes

What, no housing in MCCA's land sale picture?

In the reporting on the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority's request for approvals for about 6 of its remaining 30 undeveloped acres, one word is missing: housing ("MCCA plans to rebid surplus land sale," Business, April 19).

On a nearby 27,000-square-foot plot, another public authority, Massport, announced in December 2021 that it planned to build up to 200 apartments. If the Massachusetts Port Authority project is any indicator, the parcels up for bid can generate a substantial number of housing units even after reserving space for the MCCA's own offices. Moreover, the MCCA wants to fund its long-term agency operations through leasing these parcels. Housing construction in Boston has lagged job creation for more than a decade, making housing a market with substantial unmet demand. In contrast, Boston's office vacancy rate has grown significantly, and lab space demand has cooled as biotech funding has become scarcer.

Housing is being elevated to its own Commonwealth Cabinet position, and the city has set an ambitious target, put in motion under Martin J. Walsh's administration, to create 69,000 housing units in Boston by 2030. The moment is right to demonstrate that our Massachusetts public authorities are committed to doing their part by encouraging much-needed housing on underused land.

LAUREN LUTHER
Cambridge

Mass. is a big draw. That adds to our problems.

Your April 19 front page juxtaposed two articles: "News for renters just gets worse: Once again, too little supply in Boston area" and "Rolling out the Mass. carpet: In first 100 days, Healey has focused on making state a bigger draw." These two stories are connected in a bad way. Governor Maura Healey's desire to bring new people to Massachusetts and discourage residents from leaving could undo any increase in housing supply from her housing production programs. If we want better news for renters, we need more apartments without more people to compete for them.

KEN OLUM
Sharon

Defense of academic freedom at Harvard should bring scholars into fold

With the formation of the Council on Academic Freedom at Harvard, hope for "free inquiry, intellectual diversity, and civil discourse" returned to the world's most storied higher education institution ("New faculty-led organization at Harvard will defend academic freedom," Opinion, April 14). Dispersed across the Harvard campuses, the founding faculty should be applauded for their devotion to progress and the common good, which requires one to seek and spread the truth, even if it is uncomfortable to do so.

Famous scholars may need to have their biases called out, and up-and-coming academics with fresh new ideas may need to be checked on their facts. Both situations should be not only supported but also championed in our society.

The need for robust discussion and debate has never been greater. Yet respect for those with whom you disagree — an ingredient missing so often today — should always be front and center.

The impact of this council remains to be seen. However, its influence would be greater if learners were invited into its leadership structure, a glaring omission of the group in its present state. While the founding faculty offer unparalleled experience, influence, and networks to support academic freedom, a new generation of diverse (in every sense of the word) scholars is blossoming at Harvard. It is these individuals, who often feel uncomfortable sharing their viewpoints and ideas today, who need the mentorship from seasoned veterans and the leadership experience available at the highest levels of such a council. Being part of the council would engender a sense of ownership that could be spread across social circles not just at the faculty rank but at undergraduate and graduate campuses and affiliated institutions alike.

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We're near a turning point on curbing power plant emissions

Thank you for your recent coverage of the proposed Environmental Protection Agency rules limiting automobile tailpipe emissions ("EPA has electric vehicle proposal," Page A2, April 13). These regulations will help speed the transition to electric vehicles, thereby reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

We can't forget that EV charging draws electricity from the power grid, so we also need to rapidly decarbonize the grid if we want to meet our climate goals. Fortunately, the EPA has the chance to do just that. In the coming days, the EPA is expected to release regulations that limit carbon emissions from power plants, which generate about 25 percent of US greenhouse gases. This would be the first federal restriction on emissions from existing power plants.

The EPA has the opportunity to set ambitious standards that not only put the United States on track to meet our climate goals but also dramatically improve air quality. We need regulations that apply to both new and existing power plants, including coal-fired plants.

The EPA regulations will be open for public comment. We know that fossil fuel companies will be clamoring for weaker regulations, so it's critical for all climate-concerned citizens to make their voices heard.

LANEY ZAMORE
Winchester

A child care formula that doesn't add up in Western Mass.

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is relatively similar in both places.

Providers in the western part of the state have said for years that a high need and low reimbursement rates have dissuaded providers from taking poor children or from opening in the first place, further stretching an already overburdened industry and negatively impacting the development of children in their region.

When her older son, Isaiah, was a toddler, Johnson waited six months for a spot to open so she could have care while she worked her second-shift job. Johnson's mother and the child's paternal grandmother stepped in to help, and Johnson was able to continue working.

"If it wasn't for them, it would have been a nightmare," she said. "I probably wouldn't have been able to work."

For years, subsidy rates have been set using a federal market rate survey of what programs charge private-pay families. But because the data doesn't account for many nuances unique to different parts of the state, the rate system has large discrepancies from region to region.

Families who live in rural or low-income communities with a limited child care supply may rely on friends and family — informal arrangements that are not captured by the survey and therefore don't reflect the financial need in the community. Other factors that make living in Western Massachusetts expensive, such as a lack of public transportation, are also not taken into account when the rates are set.

In order to better understand the true cost of care, the state partnered with an Illinois-based group, Center for Early Learning Funding Equity, to consider not just market rate data, but other pieces of information including feedback from parents and providers, housing costs, health insurance data, and provider data collected by the state through the pandemic-era C3 grant program, which includes program size, staffing information, and salary numbers.

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Dawn DiStefano, CEO of Square One in Springfield, said it raises about $500,000 a year to fill its funding gap.

The group's findings were presented at the state Board of Early Education and Care meeting earlier this month.

For each toddler, a child care center in Western Massachusetts receives a subsidy of $61.16 per day. In Boston, that rate is $85.90, according to state figures. But CELFE's data show that the costs for providing care does not vary substantially across the different regions.

Dawn DiStefano, CEO of Square One in Springfield, said that by ignoring regional challenges and nuances, the federal government has unintentionally created a yawning gap that has significantly affected day-to-day operations for DiStefano and her peers.

In Boston, she noted, many child care centers serve both families that rely on vouchers and families who can pay full private tuition. Those centers can operate with a business model where the cost of care gets balanced out by the tuition paid by wealthier families.

She said that in cities like Springfield, fewer families can afford private child care. As a result, providers like hers, which serves hundreds of children she categorized as "at risk," have to fund-raise to make up the difference.

Square One raises about $500,000 a year to fill the gap between the funding provided by vouchers and the actual cost of providing the care.

"One of the biggest mistakes we've made historically was using the market rate study," she said of the federal requirement for voucher funding. "It makes me incensed that we are using the $500,000 we raised to keep the lights on. That is not a reflection that we should be proud of."

Unlike other businesses, where the cost of providing a service may be close to the price charged, many parents can't afford to pay what it actually costs to staff and run a facility.

The high cost of providing the care has pushed providers to a breaking point, leaving families with few options, according to Stephen Huntley, president of the Massachusetts Association of Early Education and Care and executive director at Valley Opportunity Council, which operates child care centers in Holyoke, Chicopee, and South Hadley.

He noted that while the Legislature's past increases to the subsidy are nice, it still stings to "look over the fence to our neighbors in Boston," where providers are receiving much larger increases.

"We have been starving at the same level for the past many years," he said.

But that may be changing.

The state is seriously considering the CELFE data that shows the cost of providing care is actually more similar than different across the state, officials say. Other states have already started to use data beyond the federal market rate survey to set more accurate rates, a path Massachusetts intends to follow.

Education Secretary Patrick Tutwiler said in an interview that the state values the work providers do in Western Massachusetts, and that the new data "should land us in a better place" in terms of parity as the department sets new subsidy rates moving forward.

"We are in a really fortunate position right now, given that we've got a robust set of data, to make some really intentional decisions around rates going forward," Tutwiler said.

Providers say they can feel a shift. For the first time in years, the funding discrepancies are on state Early Education and Care board meeting agendas, and officials are speaking out about the needs for a better formula for child care subsidies.

And while it's unlikely the state will be able to fund the full cost of care, a more holistic rate-setting process, combined with slight increases and continued pandemic-era grants, aims to make the system more equitable for the next fiscal year.

Johnson, the Springfield mother of two, said she hopes the state puts its words into action. Without a change, she said, more parents in Western Massachusetts will either be forced to pay for care they can't afford or leave the workforce entirely to care for their child at home.

"Just because you live in Springfield doesn't mean you're poor, but just because you need child care doesn't mean that you can afford it," she said. "The numbers have to match up with our wages, our cost of living, and making sure that we have enough openings so that families are not making that choice of child care versus work."

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Commenter targeting officials likely a co-worker

Council account uses city resources to issue harsh criticisms

By Emma Platoff
GLOBE STAFF

A barrage of vicious Internet attacks on Boston city councilors seems to be coming from one or more of their own colleagues — revelations that have deepened tensions on a body already riven by political and personal differences.

Under the screen name "Interested Party," a person or people using a subscription account shared by city councilors and their staff has commented prolifically on Globe stories for more than a year, attacking nearly every member of the council, along with Mayor Michelle Wu and her staff, in posts that range from ridiculous and snarky to offensive and borderline threatening.

Wu is "simply not up to the job of being mayor," someone using the account opined; the more liberal members of the City Council are "progressive anti white nutjobs." On one story, about a missing East Boston woman and a letter from six city councilors pressing for more information, the account remarked, "I wish these 6 city councilors would go missing."

Globe commenters with strong opinions are hardly a rarity. But the comments posted by the Interested Party account stand out because they appear to be authored by one or more of those public officials' colleagues — members of the City Council or council employees — according to account details and people with knowledge of the subscription.

The account is linked to a shared council e-mail address with the domain @boston.gov, and its password has been circulated among city councilors and their aides so they can stay up to

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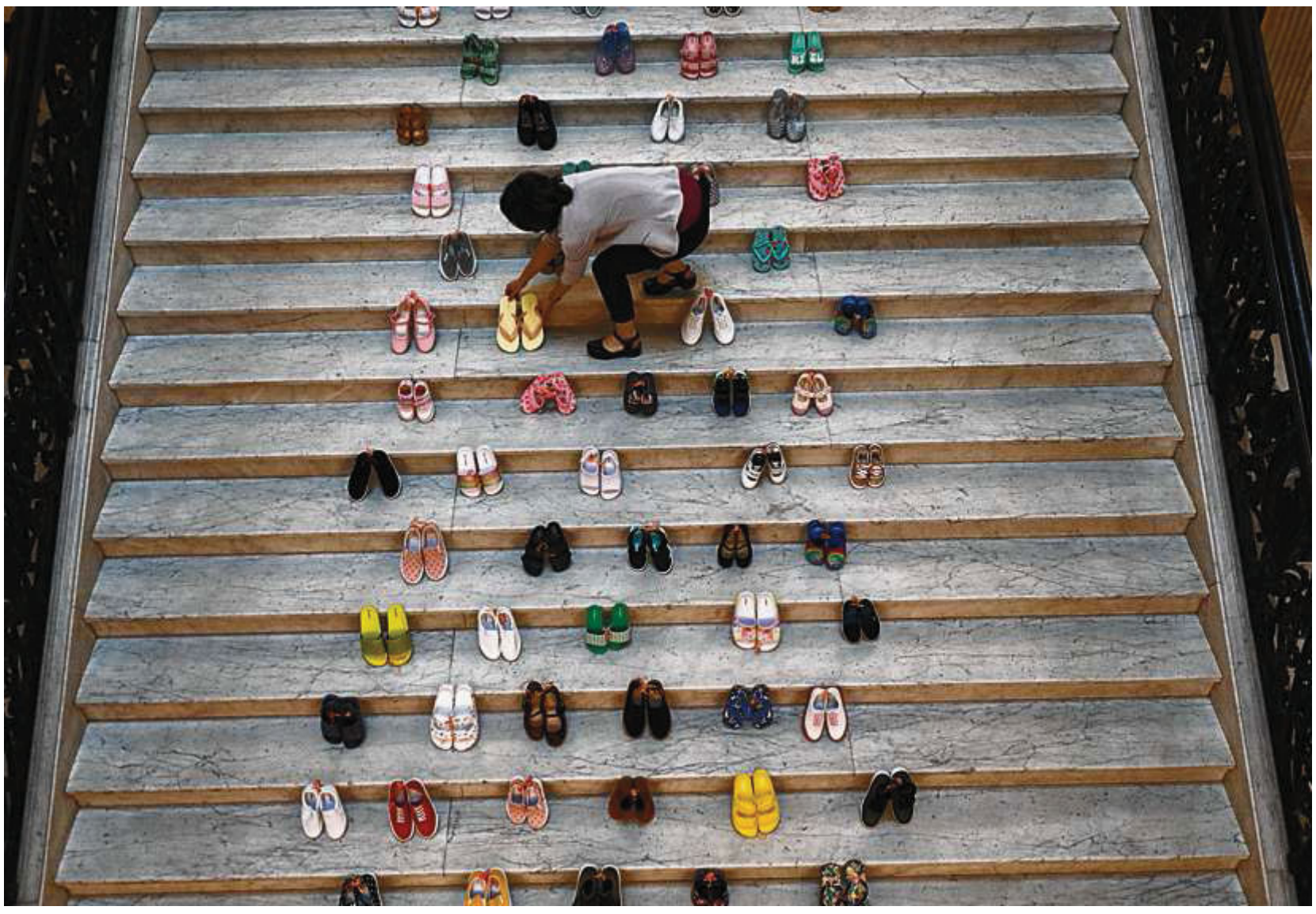

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To mark Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Children's Trust displayed 85 pairs of shoes at the State House Tuesday to represent the average number of confirmed child abuse and neglect cases in Massachusetts every day.

'Thankfully, there are other children traveling with them so she's not alone.'

REBECCA WINTER, *Trillian Clifford's sister-in-law*

Ashland woman and daughter escape Sudan

Family says pair crossed border along with other employees from international school

By Daniel Kool
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

An Ashland woman who was left stranded in her apartment in Sudan's capital as violence ravaged the surrounding area has made it out of the country, her family said Tuesday morning.

Trillian Clifford and her 18-month-old daughter, Alma, crossed the border out of Sudan between 7 and 9 a.m. Eastern time, according to Rebecca Winter, Clifford's sister-in-law.

"They still have several days of travel ahead of them," Winter wrote in a text message around 10:45 a.m. "They are exhausted but seem relieved to have crossed the border."

Winter said she first heard about the escape plan "as soon as I woke up," from a text message Clifford sent around 4:30 a.m. Eastern time — 10:30 a.m. in Sudan.

Winter declined to share where Clifford and her toddler ended up, citing safety concerns, but said the evacuation was coordinated by the international school where she works in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum. The school's foreign national employees are all traveling together, Winter said.

US officials have said an estimated 16,000 American citizens in Sudan should prepare to make their own evacuation arrangements and should not anticipate government assistance.

Senator Elizabeth Warren, who was among a handful of politicians Winter contacted about her sister-in-law's situation, sent a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken urging him to do "everything possible to provide assistance to US citizens in Sudan," and to immediately "develop and implement a plan" to help Americans leave the African nation.

Senator Ed Markey and Representatives Stephen Lynch, James McGovern, and Lori Trahan also signed the letter, which was sent Tuesday, according to a

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CLIFFORD FAMILY

Trillian Clifford, with her 18-month-old daughter, Alma, works for an international school in Khartoum, Sudan.

Firefighters union files for state intervention

Says move is aimed at advancing 'stuck' talks

By Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

In a continuation of a rocky relationship, the Boston firefighters union has filed for the state to intervene in its labor contract negotiations with the city, drawing a sharp rebuke from the Wu administration, which says the move is premature.

The International Association of Fire Fighters Local 718, as the union is formally called, on Friday filed paperwork to initiate the first step of what can lead to arbitration with the state Joint Labor-Management Committee, joining the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association in claiming negotiations with the city have ground to a standstill.

The firefighters union denied that it actually is seeking arbitration, the process through which state labor officials step in to complete the negotiation process. Union attorney Leah Barrault of Barrault and Associates insisted that the union's filing was merely a move to appeal for state "assistance" and mediation to prod the "stuck" process along.

"We don't want arbitration," Barrault said in an interview. "We just want to get this contract done. . . . We're not getting anywhere — there's a communication breakdown."

But Mayor Michelle Wu's office said in a statement that the move was clearly an attempt to involve an arbitrator, saying that "IAFF Local 718s decision to file for arbitration at the Joint Labor Management Committee is as surprising as it is disappointing." The two sides have met in only three negotiating sessions, the city said.

"The union has repeatedly told the city that it wants to make a deal across the bargaining table, but now the union wants to let a third party make a decision for both parties after only three negotiating sessions," a Wu spokesman said in a statement. "Bargaining in good faith means that the parties stay at the table and do the hard work of reaching a contract that works for both sides. The city does not believe that the parties have

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Councilor says Boston needs point person on pest control

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

Boston City Council President Ed Flynn is pushing for a creation of a municipal pest control office to tackle the city's rat problem.

In his proposal for a hearing on the matter, Flynn noted that the job of pest control is currently divided among the Inspectional Services Department, Public Works, and the Water and Sewer Commission. He wants additional resources to curtail rodents in the city, with one designated point person in the "city that has overall responsibility and authority on all matters relating to rats and pest control."

"We have to step up our efforts to address this serious public health and quality of life issue," Flynn said in a statement.

Flynn's proposal comes after New York City appointed its first New York City director of rodent mitigation, colloquially known as the "rat czar" to coordinate "across government agencies, the private sector, and community organizations to strategize on pest control and reduce the rat population." Kathleen Corradi will earn an annual salary of $155,000 to focus on ways "to cut off rats' food sources, as well as through testing and deploying new technologies to detect and exter-

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Mentor, editor combined purpose with dash of poetry

By Bryan Marquard
GLOBE STAFF

While preparing to step down as editor of the Concord Monitor, having turned the newspaper of New Hampshire's capital city into a magnet for young talent, Mike Pride traded his corner office for a reporter's notepad.

"I got into journalism to write," he recalled in "My Year in the Trenches," a 2008 Columbia Journalism Review essay. So as his career ended he revisited his beginnings, covering news and writing on deadline during his final year.

"It was a shock how difficult it was to do at 61 what had seemed like second nature at 18," he wrote. "Reporting is a humbling job, not a glamorous one. Time — how reporters spend it, how little control they have over it — is always a factor."

AP FILE

Mike Pride

Mr. Pride, one of the nation's best-known and most respected editors of small newspapers in the years before the Internet changed journalism's landscape, was 76 when he died Monday in hospice care in Palm Harbor, Fla., of myelofibrosis, a rare blood cancer.

"Mike inspired so many of the journalists who passed through the Concord Monitor because he expected excellence, and somehow made us believe we were capable of it," said Jo Becker, who began her reporting career there.

"He made us all understand something really important, which is that words have power. You need to write fearlessly, while wielding that power judiciously," said Becker, who went on to become an investi-

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Janet Getchell (center), a resident at The Loop at Mattapan Station, cut the ribbon at Tuesday's ceremony.

A new place to live opens in Mattapan

Advocates celebrate new development

By Tiana Woodard
GLOBE STAFF

Near the heart of Mattapan Square, public officials and community advocates on Tuesday celebrated the grand opening of The Loop at Mattapan Station, a $57 million development on a formerly underutilized parking lot by the trolley station that is meant to help tackle the area's housing, transit, economic, and environmental needs.

As stakeholders cut the red ribbon marking the opening of the new development, they said they hope it will pave the way for a future with more grand neighborhood investments, specifically those that current community members can afford to be a part of.

"Mattapan and Boston need more affordable housing," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "A big way we can meet those needs is funding and building more affordable projects like this one."

Wu said the city has worked to balance overdue neighborhood development without changing the neighborhood's makeup by engaging residents in each stage of the development process, boosting homeownership among the community, and coupling new projects with features that address critical needs like food insecurity and open space.

"The processes that have led to these developments worked very closely with community residents," Wu said.

Officials also noted that the site was once a barren, underutilized lot, and the development shows the potential of investment in Boston's neighborhoods.

"We must remember that we have the courage and vision to start from scratch each time and make this happen," said N. Paul TonThat, executive director of Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation. "It took all of you to raise a neighborhood on barren land, and this is, above all, a new neighborhood."

The development was a partnership between Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation, Preservation of Affordable Housing, and MassHousing.

The building, which includes commercial space, is built for mixed-income households. Of the 135 housing units, 42 are reserved for households making no more than 80 percent of the area's median income level, or $112,150 for a family of four; 28 are for households making at or below 60 percent of the median; 47 are for those at no more than half the median; and 18 are for households earning up to 30 percent of the median.

Plans are also underway to build nine affordable homeownership units in a second building.

Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll said that The Loop received more than 3,000 applications for its 135 units, demonstrating the demand for such housing.

"That is common anytime there's an affordable housing project, whether you're in Boston, or Worcester, or Salem, or New Bedford," Driscoll said. "That says to me, 'We've got more work to do.'"

The building features amenities like a fitness room, electric vehicle charging stations, and a patio deck. Paths at the rear of the building lead to the Neponset Greenway Trail. A parking lot offers 45 spots for residents and 50 for T commuters. A plan is also in the works to memorialize the Sergeant William E. Carter American Legion Post 16, the state's oldest African American legion post, by hanging informative banners from light posts in front of the building.

The ground floor includes 10,000 square feet of retail space and a 2,000-square-foot community room. The Loop's first retail tenant is Daily Table, a local nonprofit grocery chain that has other locations in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Cambridge.

Doug Rauch, founder and president of Daily Table, said the new location will address the area's housing and food insecurity needs.

"In my mind, two things in the world that are most essential to raise a community up is a roof over your head and a healthy meal," Rauch said.

State Representative Russell Holmes, who represents the area, recalled many projects over the years that never materialized. More than a decade ago, the Mattapan Community Development Corporation had plans to transform the site. Then, stakeholders floated the idea of building a charter school.

The repeated failed proposals can wear at the little trust the community already has in developers, so Holmes thanked the different partners for sticking through until the end.

The Loop is just one of several housing developments in the pipeline for the neighborhood. According to the Boston Planning & Development Agency, 11 housing proposals in Mattapan are either under review, approved, or under construction.

Then there's PLAN: Mattapan, a comprehensive master plan for the future of the neighborhood's economy, transit system, and housing situation.

Janet Getchell, who moved into The Loop a few months ago, said projects like her current residence show that the neighborhood "is being built into something we can be proud of."

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Suspect arrested in assault of MIT student

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A man who is a Level 3 sex offender was arrested Tuesday for the alleged sexual assault of an MIT student as she returned to her sorority house late Saturday night in Back Bay, according to police.

Nahom Getaneh, 33, was arrested around 2 p.m. in the area of Atkinson and Southampton streets in the South End, Boston police said in a statement.

The arrest came less than 24 hours after police asked the public to help identify a suspect in the alleged assault.

Getaneh is due to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on charges of assault with intent to rape and indecent assault and battery, police said.

According to the state's online sex offender registry, Getaneh is a Level 3 sex offender and was convicted on indecent assault and battery on a person aged 14 or older in 2007.

The MIT student was allegedly assaulted around 11:45 p.m. in the area of Beacon Street and Public Alley 908, Boston police said.

The student was approached by a man on a bicycle who asked her for food, according to a warning issued by MIT police Sunday.

As the student went to enter her residence through the rear alley of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, the man allegedly "groped her from behind," MIT police said.

She was then followed into her residence, where the man allegedly further assaulted her, police said. The student then fought the man off and called 911, police said. The man fled on a bicycle, officials said.

Delta Phi Epsilon at MIT was not immediately available for comment Tuesday night. The sorority's house on Beacon Street is located in an area with a large amount of housing for students who attend local colleges and universities.

At the time of his arrest, Getaneh was also wanted on two outstanding warrants, including failure to register as a sex offender out of the Roxbury Division of Boston Municipal Court and possession of class B drugs out of Boston Municipal Court, police said.

Investigators "had established probable cause" to charge Getaneh in connection with the Back Bay assault, police said.

In its warning, MIT police urged students to practice vigilant safety. Students should be aware of their surroundings, and let a friend know when they are coming or going from an area. If they feel threatened while on campus, students should look for the blue light emergency telephone to call police, or dial 100 from any campus phone.

The department has officers specially trained to investigate sexual assaults. Students can also contact the university's Violence Prevention & Response, the primary unit to help student's with issues pertaining to sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking and other issues, the statement said.

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This day in history

Today is Wednesday, April 26, the 116th day of 2023. There are 249 days left in the year.

►Birthdays: Actor-comedian Carol Burnett is 90. R&B singer Maurice Williams is 85. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 85. Rock musician Gary Wright is 80. Actor Joan Chen is 62. Artist and rock drummer Chris Mars of the Replacements is 62. Actor Jet Li is 60. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 58. Former US poet laureate Natasha Trethewey is 57. Actor Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 56. TLC rapper T-Boz is 53. Former first lady Melania Trump is 53. Actor Channing Tatum is 43. New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge is 31.

►In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

►In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Va., and killed.

►In 1933, Nazi Germany's infamous secret police, the Gestapo, was created.

►In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

►In 1977, the legendary nightclub Studio 54 had its opening night in New York.

►In 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. (Dozens of people were killed in the immediate aftermath of the disaster while the long-term death toll from radiation poisoning is believed to number in the thousands.)

►In 1994, voting began in South Africa's first all-race elections, resulting in victory for the African National Congress and the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as president.

►In 2000, Vermont Governor Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

►In 2009, the United States declared a public health emergency as more possible cases of swine flu surfaced from Canada to New Zealand; officials in Mexico City closed everything from concerts to sports matches to churches in an effort to stem the spread of the virus.

►In 2018, comedian Bill Cosby was convicted of drugging and molesting Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. (Cosby was later sentenced to three to 10 years in prison, but Pennsylvania's highest court threw out the conviction and released him from prison in June 2021, ruling that the prosecutor in the case was bound by his predecessor's agreement not to charge Cosby.)

Ex-Harvard scientist faces sentencing for lies about China ties

By Shelley Murphy
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Former Harvard University professor and world renowned nanoscientist Charles Lieber is scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday for lying to the federal government about his financial ties to a program designed by the Chinese government to recruit high-level scientists and failing to report payments on his taxes.

Prosecutors are urging a federal judge in Boston to sentence the 64-year-old Lieber to 90 days in prison and argued in court filings that he "embarked on a years-long scheme to further his career through lies and deceit, while also lining his pockets courtesy of the Chinese government."

But defense lawyers have described Lieber in court filings as a brilliant scientist and researcher who is filled with remorse and shame for the actions that led to his conviction and urged the judge to sentence him to probation or home confinement.

"This case does not involve the integrity of his scientific work, but the unfortunate reality is that the case has cast a black cloud over a lifetime of world-changing research," wrote Lieber's attorneys Marc Mukasey, Torrey Young, Stephanie Guaba, and Kenneth Caruso. They said Lieber is battling follicular lymphoma, a blood cancer for which there is no cure, and would face increased risk of infection if sent to prison.

More than 100 relatives and friends, including dozens of prominent scientists and researchers from Harvard and across the globe, wrote letters to US District Judge Rya Zobel urging leniency. They praised Lieber as a devoted husband and father, and a dedicated scientist and mentor.

"All Charlie ever wanted to do was to help people and engage in groundbreaking research that will change the world," Lieber's wife, Jennifer Karas Lieber wrote. "Please be lenient in your sentencing so that Charlie can get back to doing what he does best — doing science so that all people can benefit from his insightful and bold vision."

Lieber was chairman of Harvard's Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology when he was arrested by the FBI three years ago and charged with lying about his relationship with Wuhan University of Technology in China and the Thousand Talents Program, created by the Chinese government more than a decade ago to recruit high-level scientists. He resigned from Harvard in February.

A jury convicted him in December 2021 of two counts of making false statements to the government for denying he had participated in the Thousand Talents Program; two counts of filing false tax returns for failing to report payments from Wuhan University of Technology in 2013 and 2014 for his participation in the program; and two counts of failing to file reports disclosing he had a Chinese bank account.

In Lieber's sentencing memorandum filed last week, his lawyers said the case arose from the Justice Department's "highly controversial" and "deeply flawed" China Initiative.

The department launched the program in 2018 to target economic espionage and the theft of technology and trade secrets. Yet, critics complained that it had been widely used to target researchers and had discouraged US scientists from collaborating with their peers in other countries, particularly China.

Last year, the US attorney's office in Massachusetts dropped charges against an MIT professor who had been charged as part of the initiative, saying it was "in the interests of justice" to dismiss that case.

However, Zobel rejected a motion by Lieber to overturn his conviction.

Lieber's attorneys stressed in court filings that he was not charged with espionage, grant fraud or theft of trade secrets and was not employed by the Chinese government.

Prosecutors presented evidence at trial that Lieber signed a five-year pact in 2011 with the Chinese university, which agreed to pay him $50,000 a month and $158,000 in living expenses. He also allegedly received $1.5 million to set up a joint Harvard-Wuhan research lab at the Chinese university.

It wasn't a crime to participate in the Chinese program, but prosecutors alleged that Lieber failed to disclose the information to Harvard and the federal government and also failed to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations on overseas payments.

At the time, Lieber was the principal investigator for the Lieber Research Group at Harvard, which received more than $15 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense and was required to disclose funding received from foreign institutions or governments, according to court filings.

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ANY ORDER

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TUESDAY NIGHT 8357
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

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Any 1 digit	$6

ANY ORDER

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TAKING THE OATH OF CITIZENSHIP

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services held a naturalization ceremony at Faneuil Hall Tuesday. The Naturalization Oath of Allegiance was taken by 350 new Americans, including US Army PFC Sultan Samidinov (above left) from Kurdistan. Elainy B. Martins (right) waited while her mother, Edna De Jesus Teixeira Barbosa Martins, who is from Cape Verde, got a picture taken with her certificate.

Pizza shop owner is arraigned on new charges of forced labor

By Travis Andersen
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A Boston pizza shop owner accused of assaulting undocumented employees and pressuring them to work for low wages was arraigned Tuesday on several new charges of forced labor, according to officials and court documents.

Stavros Papantoniadis, 48, of Westwood, entered a not guilty plea Tuesday in US District Court in Boston on four counts of forced labor and three counts of attempted forced labor.

He was indicted March 29 on the charges and has been held without bail since his arrest March 16. The next hearing in the case is slated for June 13, officials said.

Papantoniadis's lawyer, Carmine P. Lepore, said the workers' allegations are fabricated. "We look forward to starting to [review] discovery" evidence, Lepore added.

Papantoniadis, the owner of Stash's Pizza in Dorchester and Roslindale who previously owned restaurants in several other communities, allegedly "forced or attempted to force at least seven victims to work for him and comply with excessive workplace demands by means of violent physical abuse, threats of violence or serious harm, and repeated threats to report victims to immigration authorities to have them deported," prosecutors said after the March indictment.

In a March 21 order denying Papantoniadis bail, US Magistrate Judge Judith G. Dein wrote that his "history of violence and threats puts potential witnesses at risk."

"At this juncture, the evidence against him appears strong," Dein wrote. "The government has met its burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assume the safety of any other person and the community."

In court documents, federal authorities alleged that seven immigrants from North Africa, Central America, and Brazil were victimized over 15 years starting around 2007. Papantoniadis allegedly warned them that police would side with him because he gave officers discounts at his restaurants, they said.

One of the alleged victims, a man from North Africa, told authorities he worked up to 119 hours each week, according to an affidavit. Papantoniadis allegedly assaulted the man several times, once kicking him in the groin with such force he had to have surgery. In other attacks, Papantoniadis broke the man's upper and lower teeth, authorities alleged.

"There is evidence that the defendant tried to intimidate at least one witness during the investigation, told him to lie to investigators, and threatened him for being a 'snitch' who lacked immigration status in the United States," Dein wrote.

A search of Papantoniadis's iCloud account also revealed several sexually explicit videos, which prosecutors allege depicted pain being inflicted on women and in one case a boy, according to testimony in court.

Lepore had argued during a recent detention hearing that the allegations against his client are dated and were fabricated by workers who have an incentive to lie because federal authorities have let them remain in the country during the criminal investigation. He described Papantoniadis as "a family man" and urged the judge to release him on bail.

Lepore also said it's unclear where the videos came from or whether people portrayed in them were actors. To claim they suggested Papantoniadis was "some kind of sadistic individual is absolutely ridiculous," he said.

Lepore has also appealed Dein's order denying Papantoniadis bail.

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Judge considers new trial for defendant in 2014 Boston homicide

By Ivy Scott
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A Suffolk Superior Court judge weighed evidence this week that could lead to a new trial for David Yarde, who was sentenced for murder in 2014 and has vehemently maintained his innocence.

At a two-day hearing that concluded Monday, defense attorney Gordon Spencer presented a new expert witness, ballistics and firearm consultant Lewis Gordon, who testified based on his reconstruction of the scene that Yarde "could not have" fired the weapon that killed the victim, DeAndre Russ, because of a thick concrete pillar that separated the two men.

In the 2014 trial, video footage from surveillance cameras in and around an apartment building on 1050 Tremont St. in Boston, which show the moments immediately before and after the shooting, became a focus of the case. (The camera panned away from the scene milliseconds before Russ was shot, and so the shooting itself was not captured on video.)

A detective testified at trial that, from looking at the video, he could make out a gun in Yarde's hand as he was fleeing the scene, though Yarde says he did not have a gun on him the night of the shooting, and no weapon was ever recovered by police.

In the footage, which both Spencer and prosecutors played excerpts of at the recent hearing, Yarde can be seen on the opposite side of a concrete column from Russ, shifting from the right side of the column to the left and back again just before the sound of rapid-fire gunshots rang out. The next frame shows Russ's body falling to the pavement, while later footage depicts Yarde and three other men running away from the scene. Six bullet casings found at the scene were scattered left of the victim.

But according to Gordon, the casings could not have come from a gun fired by the defendant "unless someone picked them up and intentionally moved all six."

"Cartridge casings will not perforate or permeate that barrier," Gordon said. Yarde would have needed to move around the barrier to the left side, pull out his gun, and fire the first shot at close range in less than one second, Gordon added. With his best efforts, he said, it was not possible to replicate the shooting in under 1.25 seconds.

Yarde has gathered large community support, including from nonprofit The Innocent Convicts and a former prosecutor with the Suffolk district attorney's office, who raised questions about the conviction. However, prosecutors have continued to oppose the motion for a new trial.

On cross examination, prosecutor Ian MacLean pointed out that the casings could have been kicked by someone approaching the scene, or rolled across the pavement from the right to the left side of the victim's body. But Gordon insisted that cartridge casings "don't bounce, because of their oblong shape and irregular weight."

And "even if they had bounced six inches ... or a foot for that matter, that still does not place them on the right side of the barrier," he said. "They'd essentially have to make a U-turn to do that."

Yarde's first request for a new trial was denied by a judge in 2020, but the following year, Spencer requested that the court reconsider its decision based on the information provided by Gordon's crime scene reconstruction.

"There was one piece of the puzzle that was missing: the barrier ... and there were other people behind that pillar," Spencer told the judge Monday. "Even if [prosecutors] could poke holes in it, shouldn't a jury decide whether they embrace this theory or reject this theory?"

At the end of the hearing, Associate Justice Michael Doolin said he would take the matter under advisement in the next several weeks.

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Flynn wants point person on pests

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minate rat populations."

Flynn said he is following New York's rodent control plans closely. He thought having "a dedicated position and office on pest control would allow us to better address the issue, allow for a more streamlined and coordinated process in reducing pests, and come up with more innovative ways in prevent pest infestations."

NPR recently reported that rat complaints in New York have increased over the past two years, and Flynn said that Boston is seeing a similar trend, asserting that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that food sources moved from restaurants directly to residents' homes, leading to an increase in reports of rodent activity and sightings in the city.

Boston's 311 database, a system that documents non-emergency requests for service, on Tuesday indicated that there were nearly 1,700 open reports of rat complaints in the city. Just Tuesday morning, someone complained that rats were building a nest under an entry-step at 664 Columbia Road in Dorchester, mere feet away from the sidewalk. Elsewhere in Dorchester, a resident asked the city to check local rat burrows after seeing five of the rodents emerge from the trash at 209 Harvard St.

Across town, in East Boston, a complaint asserted that 60 Everett St. was the site of "massive rodent issues during the day and at night."

In 2021, the city's inspectional services department received 4,383 pest complaints, a number that increased last year to 5,095.

For bad infestations, inspectors typically conduct a walk-through with property owners to identify problems and identify food and water sources, burrows, and improper trash storage. The inspector then offers guidance about how to address the problem, which could include hiring a pest control company. According to a spokeswoman for inspectional services, the department tries to reduce its use of pesticides, but inspectors will use such chemicals in certain circumstances to deal with infestations of rats and mice.

In recent years, ISD started using dry ice to curb the rodent population. As the solid form of carbon dioxide, dry ice suffocates rats as it melts. It is used in laboratories to euthanize mice and rats.

"Inspectors found the effectiveness to be remarkable and the danger to humans [and] residential pests is lowered considerably and the cost is significantly lower," the ISD spokeswoman said in the e-mail.

Flynn's hearing order is on the agenda for this week's council meeting.

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Firefighters union asks state for intervention in contract talks

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reached an impasse on the issues and is troubled by Local 718s unilateral rush to the JLMC."

In December, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association similarly filed for arbitration as it claimed it was at an impasse with the city, what several labor law analysts have called a strategic move to use a system that tends to work in the labor unions' favor. The analysts also described a drawn out process: The city is still preparing to present its argument about why it believes arbitration is not necessary, after which the state will decide whether to take jurisdiction.

E-mails obtained by the Globe show city labor officials e-mailed Barrault in July, seeking to initiate negotiations, and that Barrault responded in November to begin to set up meetings. The union says both sides have met four times.

City officials also pointed out that the firefighter union's contract expired in June 2021, while most other city labor agreements, including those for the assorted police unions, expired a year earlier.

Barrault said the city is trying to characterize the move as a "negative thing."

"We do this because we need help," she said.

Local 718 President Sam Dillon said in a statement that the union "filed with the JLMC in an effort to engage with the city of Boston and negotiate in a good-faith manner."

"Negotiations should take place at the bargaining table, not in the media, and the bargaining table is exactly where Local 718 continues to wait, eager and willing to actively negotiate a fair contract for the men and women who continue to serve the city of Boston in exemplary fashion," said Dillon, who won the presidency last year.

The filing is the opening step in a process that can play out over months or longer before the JLMC, a body meant to make sure contracts for public safety departments, such as those for police and fire unions, don't remain outstanding in perpetuity.

First, both sides make their case to the JLMC over whether the state needs to step in to help break a stalemate. If, following an investigation and mediation, the JLMC agrees with the firefighters, it would take jurisdiction and look to hold hearings to push the matter forward. If needed, the JLMC would assign an arbitration panel that would be empowered to take input from both sides and unilaterally create the new contract, which would be binding.

The contract terms at stake include a city effort to focus on clarifying and sharpening the "managerial rights" section of the contract, as well as changes to the injured-on-duty protocol and amendments to the rules around discipline for illegal drug use.

Based on the filing to the JLMC, the firefighters are seeking changes to time off and detail work.

Pay and benefits also are at issue for both sides.

JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF/FILE/2022

Mayor Michelle Wu and the firefighters union have been unable to come to an agreement on contract negotiations.

With 1,600 or so members, Local 718 is one of the largest city-worker unions, and it has flexed its political muscle over the years, dating back to legendary clashes with former mayor Thomas Menino, including an infamous 2001 incident when a firefighter allegedly spat on his wife.

After a relatively amicable era under former mayor Martin J. Walsh, a past labor leader, the union and Wu's administration almost immediately were at odds over the COVID-19 vaccine mandate that the then-new mayor announced in December 2021.

The firefighters, along with two of the police unions, sued the city over the mandate, claiming the administration had violated labor laws.

Union members holding bright red "Mayor Wu Burns Firefighters" signs protested at the new mayor's public events and held press conferences in Dorchester's Florian Hall.

Though the city ultimately delayed the mandate, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled last month in the city's favor.

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Ashland woman escapes Sudan

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spokesperson for Warren.

"As you know, the situation on the ground is incredibly unstable and confusing," the letter reads. "Now that the United States has evacuated its embassy staff, there's even more uncertainty for the Americans left behind."

In a statement Tuesday evening, Warren said she was thankful to hear that Clifford had left Sudan and was "deeply grateful to all the individuals that helped make it happen." "I'll continue monitoring this dangerous situation and my office will keep coordinating with the State Department to assist Americans secure safe passage out of Sudan," Warren said.

Clifford aims to fly back to the United States in "a few days," Winter said. But for the first time in about 10 days, since fighting broke out in Khartoum, she is safe.

Despite a three-day cease-fire brokered by the United States, fighting continued to break out across the capital city overnight and into Tuesday morning. More than 420 people have been killed and more than 3,700 have been wounded.

Over the weekend, Internet and cellular service were disrupted in Sudan, making it difficult for Clifford's family to reach her. Winter said Clifford's reception remains spotty.

Winter said the journey has "been a lot of travel" for Alma, who was growing restless in the apartment.

"Thankfully, there are other children traveling with them so she's not alone," Winter said. "I did hear she has been fussy and isn't getting much sleep."

In a statement, Winter later thanked the school for helping to organize the evacuation and Warren's and Governor Maura Healey's offices for bringing attention to Clifford's case.

While Clifford's family is relieved she is heading home, they recognize there are still millions of citizens uprooted by the Sudanese conflict, "including Trillian's young students," Winter wrote.

"Trillian has been in touch today, and she also extends her gratitude for all of the aid and support she has received," Winter wrote. "This has been an extremely traumatic experience, and she needs time to process and get back on her feet."

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Commenter targeting officials likely a co-worker

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date. Several dozen people who work on the fifth floor of City Hall have access, making it difficult to identify the person, or people, who use the account.

The Globe learned about the account from City Hall sources, confirmed the connection to the e-mail address with them, and later corroborated it independently.

Interested Party's gripes can be, at times, banal. But other times, the barbs are derogatory and quite pointed, often targeting councilors of color or lamenting a society the user feels has grown too politically correct. Dozens of comments were removed after they appeared online because they violated Globe guidelines, which bar personal attacks.

For the many councilors who have been targeted, it's a particularly painful reminder of the deep divides on the body, which are not just ideological but personal, and all too often racial. Many said the posts cross the line of acceptable professional behavior, and one is calling for an investigation.

"To know that someone from the inside is causing more hostility towards me in particular makes me feel really uncomfortable, and in many ways unsafe," said Councilor Julia Mejia, a frequent target of the account.

And Wu said in a statement that "we show our constituents the respect they deserve by modeling respectful and honest public dialogue rather than giving in to toxic, cowardly anonymous attacks."

Commenting prolifically for more than a year, the person or people using the Interested Party account have weighed in on everything from "Saturday Night Live" ("Nobody wants a 90 minute lecture about trans lifestyle") to the town of Brookline ("start building HOUSING") and the Pelham House Resort on Cape Cod ("great for an instagram background, but if you go for dinner you'll leave hungry and feeling robbed").

A notable share of the comments attack Black leaders, institutions, or neighborhoods: local NAACP leader Tanisha Sullivan, Representative Ayanna Pressley, the Bay State Banner, former "Daily Show" host Trevor Noah, the new "Embrace" statue honoring Martin Luther King Jr. ("the ugliest piece of public art in Boston"), and Roxbury and Mattapan ("desirable? Come on people").

But the favorite targets of the account appear to be colleagues on the fifth floor of City Hall: Wu, her staff, and the council itself.

Someone using the Interested Party account complains that Wu has been "aloof, cold, and disrespectful to those in state government" and laments "a mayoral campaign that made promises that a mayoral administration can never deliver." The account calls her senior aides a "crack sqaud [sic] of savvy rich kids" and "ivy grads who couldn't find most city neighborhoods on a map." Another frequent target: Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge, "bike surpremacist [sic]."

The council itself is unaware of "its own impotence," a group of "out of control" "layabouts," the Interested Party account wrote.

Among the account's hundreds of comments were direct strikes on at least 11 of 13 councilors. Without offering evidence, Interested Party has leveled allegations of legal wrongdoing by Mejia and Councilor Kendra Lara. One comment, which was posted but later blocked by Globe moderators, includes a vulgar sexual remark about Councilors Gabriela Coletta and Ricardo Arroyo.

Councilor Kenzie Bok, who represents Beacon Hill and will soon take charge of the city's public housing authority, is called a "phd ultra wealthy trust fund baby" unable to understand the "struggle of bostons poorest"; the council president is disparagingly nicknamed "Special Ed" Flynn. Arroyo is the subject of many of the most vicious attacks, with several citing years old sexual assault allegations leveled against him as a teenager, which he has denied and for which he was never charged.

Three other councilors — Tania Fernandes Anderson, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Brian Worrell — are among those who should "go missing." And the person or people using the account have extensive complaints about the council's 2022 redistricting process, which was led by Councilor Liz Breadon.

Worrell told the Globe "the improper use of a government e-mail address is completely unacceptable."

"An internal investigation must be conducted with the party found responsible terminated immediately," he added.

Flynn, the council president, said he was "disappointed that someone would abuse a privilege meant to gather news and information" and added that he is implementing an anti-bullying policy.

Only two councilors, both from Dorchester, seem to have been spared the account's ire: Erin Murphy and Frank Baker, who are known as two of the body's more conservative voices.

Murphy and Baker both told the Globe they have never left comments on the account.

"My mother taught me better," Murphy said.

"If I had something to say to somebody, I'm going to either call them or go right to their office and say it to them," said Baker, who once earned praise from Interested Party.

For the most part, the account is consistent in views and tone: critical of Wu, exasperated with council progressives, scathing about new social norms that embrace transgender people and polyamory. But there are a few stray comments that strike different notes, perhaps indicating that more than one person is using the account.

In response to Globe queries, all 13 city councilors denied authoring the Interested Party comments.

In a torrent of Interested Party comments, there have been a few clues about the identity of the person or people using the account, including one comment addressing "fellow landlords" and one citing Irish ancestry.

One comment left in January seems to indicate that Interested Party works in city government. Mocking a particular Globe story, the account wrote, "I'm so glad my employer pays for this subscription and I don't."

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Mike Pride dies; mentor combined purpose with dash of poetry

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gative reporter at The Washington Post and now The New York Times, sharing three Pulitzer Prizes.

When Bob Hohler was a young Monitor reporter, Mr. Pride dispatched him to cover the space shuttle Challenger, whose astronauts included Concord High School teacher Christa McAuliffe. She and the crew died when the Challenger exploded after liftoff, and the Monitor's coverage of the tragedy became a milestone story for the paper.

"It's no exaggeration that American journalism is better thanks to Mike Pride," said Hohler, now a Globe sports investigative reporter.

"None of the meaningful moments in my career would have been possible if not for Mike, and there are many others like me," Hohler added. "In places around the world where journalism matters — from Main Street in Concord to world capitals and global hotspots — there are reporters with roots in Mike's newsroom who are guided by his spirit and high standards."

During Mr. Pride's tenure mentoring future Pulitzer-winners, the Monitor received 19 Newspaper of the Year awards in its circulation category from what is now the New England Newspaper & Press Association.

In 1997, Mr. Pride received the association's Yankee Quill Award for lifetime achievement and contributions to journalism. A 1984 Nieman fellow at Harvard University, he received the National Press Foundation's 1986 editor of the year award for the Monitor's Challenger coverage.

"We will miss Mike," said US Senator Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat whose rise through the state Senate into the governor's office and beyond was chronicled by the Monitor under Mr. Pride's leadership.

"He was such a pillar of the news community in New Hampshire for such a long time," she said, adding that along with being well-respected for his work, Mr. Pride "really elevated the role of daily newspapers in the state."

Mr. Pride did so through leadership savvy and the good fortune of New Hampshire's longtime first-in-the-nation presidential primary. Promising young reporters knew they'd have a chance to interview top national politicians and future presidents if they landed a Monitor job.

More than politics awaited them, though. A lover of poetry, Mr. Pride invited his New Hampshire poet friends such as Donald Hall and Charles Simic into the newsroom for brown-bag lunches with reporters.

"Even under the tyranny of daily deadlines, journalists can help themselves by thinking like a poet," Mr. Pride wrote in a 2006 Nieman Reports essay.

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Mr. Pride listened during an afternoon news meeting in his office in Concord, N.H., in 2004.

Felice Belman, who succeeded Mr. Pride as the Monitor's editor and is now deputy metro editor at the Times, recalled that "he wanted to impress upon young writers that even journalism should have some poetry in it. He aspired to have us all write elegantly and deliberately."

C. Michael Pride was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on July 31, 1946, and was a toddler when his family moved to Clearwater, Fla.

His father, Charles Pride, was a World War II combat veteran and a salesman. His mother, Bernadine Nordstrom Pride, worked as a clerk in Clearwater City Hall.

Mr. Pride was a teenager when a cousin who was a Tampa Tribune editor asked if he could cover a high school track meet — his first byline.

After graduating from Clearwater High School, Mr. Pride attended the University of Florida before flunking out and joining the Army, which stationed him in West Germany as a Russian linguist.

While there, he met Monique Praet, whose father was part of the Belgian occupying force in West Germany. They married in 1970 and Monique, a painter, later taught languages in middle school.

"His life with my mother was a love story," said their son Dr. Yuri Pride of Atlanta. "They loved each other from the moment they met until the moment he took his last breath. They were each other's lives. They showed us kids what love is — being there and putting the other person first."

Returning to Florida after the Army, Mr. Pride worked nights in the Tribune's sports department while finishing a bachelor's degree at the University of South Florida.

An editing stint at the Clearwater Sun followed, and then a Tallahassee Democrat editing job, before the Monitor hired him as managing editor in 1978. He was promoted to editor in 1983 and retired in 2008.

Mr. Pride served on the Pulitzer board for several years at the end of his Monitor tenure, including as co-chair, and he was administrator of the Pulitzers from 2014 to 2017.

During on-and-off retirement, when he and his wife divided their lives between a Bow, N.H., home and extended time in Clearwater, he also wrote books and essays.

Through his post-Monitor years, Mr. Pride remained an informal adviser to those who had worked there, the editor whose insights and approval reporters and editors still sought as surely as they did when he marked up each day's paper with red pen critiques for the newsroom to review.

"You really wanted to get it right for him," Becker recalled. "You wanted him to be pleased."

A service will be announced for Mr. Pride, who in addition to his wife, Monique, and son Yuri leaves two other sons, Sven of Vienna, Va., and Misha of South Portland, Maine; a sister, Pam of Asheville, N.C.; a brother, Robin of Clearwater, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

"He trusted us to do serious journalism and he set really high expectations for a newsroom that was pretty small," Belman, who formerly was the Globe's metro editor, said of Mr. Pride. "To have landed in a place with such a serious, wonderful editor who also managed to make all of it into such a grand adventure, I feel so lucky."

As for Mr. Pride, he felt fortunate to have taken time at the end of his Monitor years to report, to write, and to practice his profession on the streets once more, instead of behind a desk.

"After almost a year of reporting, I appreciate more than ever what journalists do — in part because they are doing more than ever," he wrote in his Columbia Journalism Review essay.

"This year of reporting has been a gift," he said. "It's the best job on earth."

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Business

Giuseppe Ciaramella is CEO and cofounder of Orbital.

Orbital raises $270m for gene-based work

Cambridge startup defies biotech slump

By Jonathan Saltzman
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Orbital Therapeutics, a new Cambridge-based startup that boasts some of the most familiar names in biotechnology, said Wednesday that it has raised $270 million in the company's first fund-raising round, despite the deep slump in the business sector.

Orbital plans to use the money to develop medicines and vaccines that rely on RNA molecules, which deliver instructions from DNA to the body's protein-making machinery and help to turn genes off and on. Moderna and Pfizer harnessed that mechanism for their enormously profitable COVID-19 vaccines, while Alnylam Pharmaceuticals has used it in five drugs approved to fight rare diseases.

"We are at the point where the RNA technologies are mature enough that you can see . . . an explosive opportunity," said Giuseppe Ciaramella, Orbital's chief executive and a cofounder of the privately held firm, which was launched in September.

Ciaramella said that Orbital plans to focus on three areas: a new generation of vaccines to prevent infectious diseases and treat serious illnesses; medicines that change the body's immune system to fight illnesses ranging from cancer to autoimmune disorders; and drugs that replace defective or missing proteins, causing diseases.

Ciaramella is well versed in the powers of RNA. He served as chief scientific officer of the infectious diseases division of Cambridge-based Moderna until 2018. Moderna's COVID vaccine, like the one developed by Pfizer, uses messenger RNA to direct cells to produce copies of the "spike protein" on the coronavirus to stimulate an immune response.

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DO T CUSTOMERS DESERVE REFUNDS?

Despite the many delays, breakdowns, and mishaps, don't expect to get any money back.

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THE FINE PRINT

Regular commuters on the MBTA pay about $90 a month, while sometimes-users like me pay $4.80 for a round trip on the subway. Annually, the T takes in close to $400 million in fares from all riders.

Are consumers getting their money's worth?

I don't think so, and I bet few regular riders would disagree. Just look at the most recent headlines: last week, on Marathon Monday, the T shut down service on part of the Green Line in the middle of one of the biggest sporting events of the year because a train conked out in a tunnel.

Which was followed by the T announcing plans to further reduce service on the already-stripped down Blue Line, including weekend closures, for track repair.

Which was followed by a T board meeting during which the recorded messages of stressed out T riders were played — including those calling the board "evil" and the T "a dumpster fire."

"If I lose my job, I'm suing," one added.

And all this comes on top of last year's complete Orange Line closure for a month, unprecedented ongoing systemwide slowdowns ordered by state authorities for safety reasons, and a series of grave safety incidents, including a falling ceiling panel that nearly struck a commuter last month; a seriously injured worker last week; the death last year of a man who was dragged by a Red Line train at Broadway Station. That spurred a federal safety inspection of the T.

As a twice-weekly Red Line rider, I know how frustrating and even scary the T has become. A couple of weeks ago, my train inexplicably ground to a halt in a darkened tunnel. As the minutes ticked by, feeling trapped and helpless, I waited in vain for a T announcement on why and for how long.

Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, the train lurched forward. Now I count my blessings each time my train emerges into daylight. I've used the T for decades. Never has my trust been this shaken.

It used to take me about 30 minutes to get to Park Street from Wollaston. Now, it takes closer to an hour. And wary of all the things that can go wrong — and sometimes do — I budget 90 minutes.

Last week, coming home, I hurried onto the platform at Park Street hoping to board a soon-to-be arriving train. But the sign told me otherwise. The next train was "20+" minutes away. At rush hour. And they call this rapid transit?

So, I wondered: do we T riders deserve a refund?

Don't hold your breath. For more than 10 years, the T has enforced a strict no-refund policy. Even when the T shut down the Orange Line for a month last year for repairs it gave no refunds to monthly pass holders, though it allowed them to use the commuter rail at no cost.

The only exception in recent memory was in

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As customer frustrations rise, the MBTA reiterated it does not issue refunds.

Toast adds reservations, takes on OpenTable, Resy

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF

Boston restaurant technology company Toast is expanding into the reservations business, taking on OpenTable and Resy, popular apps with deep-pocketed owners.

The new feature, dubbed Toast Tables, extends Toast's cloud software so that restaurants can let diners make reservations or join a waiting list from a website or app. The feature can also be integrated into a restaurant's listings on Google Search and Google Maps, Toast said.

"Reservation and waitlist management capabilities have moved from 'nice to have' to 'must have' for many restaurants in recent years," Toast chief operating officer Aman Narang said in a statement.

Since the pandemic eased, Toast's business has been booming, driven in part by new features it added for restaurant clients like taking catering orders, employee scheduling, and ingredient price tracking. The company brought in $2.7 billion in 2022, up 60 percent from 2021; analysts forecast another 33 percent gain to $3.6 billion this year.

Breaking into the reservation space, already dominated by the two top players, won't be easy.

Founded in 1998, San Francisco's OpenTable was the pioneering online reservation service. The company was acquired for $2.6 billion in 2014 by Priceline, now known as Booking Holdings. Resy was

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Since the pandemic eased, Toast's business has been booming, driven in part by new features it added for restaurant clients.

Biogen gets conditional OK for an ALS drug treatment

By Adam Feuerstein
STAT

The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday granted conditional approval to a new Biogen treatment for a rare, genetic form of ALS — basing its decision for the first time on preliminary evidence that may also speed the development of future medicines for the fatal, neurodegenerative disease.

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The drug, called Qalsody, is administered by a monthly injection into the spine, and is intended to treat people with ALS caused by inherited mutations in a gene called SOD1. Cambridge-based Biogen estimates approximately 330 people in the United States have this form of ALS, with 120 new cases each year. Globally, SOD1 mutations are responsible for approximately 2 percent of all ALS cases.

Biogen declined to disclose the annual cost of Qalsody, except to say it would be priced similarly to other ALS drugs. The company has said previously it doesn't expect material sales from the drug given the small number of patients with SOD1 ALS.

The FDA cleared the use of Qalsody through a regulatory pathway called ac-

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GE tops estimates in period, raises guidance

By Ryan Beene
BLOOMBERG

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Boston-based General Electric Co. has said it's aiming to more than double earnings this year before separating its energy-related businesses in early 2024. Despite a positive earnings report, shares ticked down Tuesday.

General Electric Co. beat Wall Street's estimates for profit, sales, and cash flow in the first quarter and boosted the low end of its annual guidance as the manufacturer benefited from surging aerospace demand.

Adjusted earnings were 27 cents a share in the first three months of the year, GE said Tuesday in a statement, about double the average of analysts' estimates. Sales were $13.7 billion, compared with $13.2 billion expected by Wall Street.

The results reflect "robust market demand and our progress operating leaner and more focused businesses," chief executive Larry Culp said in the statement.

Boston-based GE has said it's aiming to more than double earnings this year before separating its energy-related businesses in early 2024. The spinoff of GE Vernova will leave GE Aerospace as the remaining company, completing Culp's multiyear plan to fix and break up the iconic American manufacturer.

The shares were down 1.68 percent Tuesday, closing at $98.47.

Free cash flow — a closely watched measure of earnings power — was $102 million in the first quarter, significantly better than the $731.5 million outflow analysts expected in the period, typically GE's weakest based on the seasonality of its businesses. GE said it was the first time in nearly a decade it generated positive free cash flow in the first quarter.

A stronger balance sheet and promising growth prospects have helped GE shares soar more than 50 percent this year. The stock last week surpassed $100 for the first time since early 2018, before Culp took over and began orchestrating his turnaround of the industrial giant.

The rally took hold in early January as GE spun off its health care division and continued to gain steam as it issued middecade aerospace sales and profit targets that topped Wall Street expectations. The company next year will become a pure-play aerospace giant powering about 75 percent of all commercial aircraft flights with its jet engines and those from a joint venture with Safran.

GE also raised the low end of its full-year profit and free cash flow forecasts. It now expects adjusted earnings of at least $1.70 a share compared to $1.60 previously and a minimum of $3.6 billion in free cash flow, up from $3.4 billion.

Revenue at GE Aerospace jumped 25 percent to $6.98 billion while orders grew 14 percent. Profit margins at the division expanded to 19 percent even as the company delivered more loss-making Leap engines to Boeing and Airbus.

GE Renewable Energy posted an operating loss of $414 million, extending its streak of red ink. GE is restructuring the troubled division to return to profitability by 2024 and expects growth for its wind turbine business over time as countries work to cut carbon dioxide emissions from power grids. In a bright spot, orders surged 92 percent to $5.35 billion, driven by GE's grid and North American onshore wind units.

GM's profits fell in 1st quarter

Dropped 18.5% over job cuts, slow China sales

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General Motors' top-selling electric vehicle is the Chevrolet Bolt compact, which accounted for almost all of the more than 20,000 EVs that the company sold in the United States in the first quarter.

General Motors on Tuesday reported an 18.5 percent drop in profits in the first quarter, mainly because of the cost of job cuts and slowing new-vehicle sales in China. The company also announced that it would build a fourth battery factory in the United States while retiring the electric car that accounts for most of its sales in that category.

The decline in profit comes as higher interest rates have raised the cost of new vehicles for consumers and worries persist about a possible recession in the United States.

GM said its net income in the first three months of the year fell to $2.4 billion, from $2.9 billion in the first quarter of 2022. Revenue in the first quarter rose 11 percent, to $40 billion.

"The first quarter came in ahead of our own expectations, primarily as a function of pricing and a consistent incentive plan, as well as demand remains strong for our vehicles," GM's chief financial officer, Paul Jacobson, said in a conference call.

Globally, GM sold 1.4 million vehicles in the first quarter, down 3 percent from last year. Its US sales rose 18 percent, but its sales in China fell 25 percent.

One reason the company's sales fell so much in China is that consumers increasingly prefer electric cars. That has created a big opening for Chinese manufacturers and hurt Western automakers that have been slow to roll out electric vehicles.

In the United States, GM has started making a new generation of electric vehicles using modular battery packs produced at a new factory in Ohio. The Cadillac Lyriq, an electric sport utility vehicle, and the GMC Hummer are in production, although GM sold fewer than 1,000 of those models in the United States in the first three months of the year.

GM's top-selling EV is the Chevrolet Bolt compact, which accounted for almost all of the more than 20,000 EVs that the company sold in the United States in the first quarter. The Bolt has been on the market since 2017 and uses an older battery design. GM's chief executive, Mary T. Barra, said on Tuesday that the company would stop making the model at the end of this year.

In 2021, GM recalled all the Bolts made to that point to replace their battery packs after it found that a manufacturing defect had caused fires in a small number of them. After halting production to address the problem, the company resumed Bolt sales in 2022.

GM said Tuesday that it would build a battery plant with a South Korean partner, Samsung SDI. The two companies will jointly invest $3 billion in the factory, but GM did not disclose a location. GM is working with another South Korean company, LG Energy Solution, at the Ohio battery plant, and on two others that are under construction in Tennessee and Michigan.

Later this year, GM plans to introduce three models that will use its new battery packs. An electric Chevrolet Silverado pickup is expected to arrive around the middle of the year, followed by the Chevrolet Blazer and Equinox SUV.

GM is hoping for a surge in sales of electric vehicles this year on the back of those new models. Jacobson said the automaker expected EV production in the first half of the year to top 50,000, and about double that in the second half.

"We feel good about the demand being robust for the electric vehicles we are producing," he said.

The automaker's first-quarter earnings were lowered by $900 million, which GM had set aside to cover the cost of severance and other measures resulting from its elimination of 5,000 salaried jobs. In total, GM is trying to cut about $2 billion a year in costs.

The effect of those cost-cutting efforts, Jacobson said, is "flowing to the bottom line quicker than we anticipated."

Because of the job-cut expenses, GM lowered its net income outlook for 2023 slightly. The company said it now expected net income for next year to be $8.4 billion to $9.9 billion. In January, it forecast a range of $8.7 billion to $10.1 billion.

The auto industry's trajectory remains uncertain. In the United States, sales of new vehicles rose about 7 percent in the first quarter, to 3.6 million vehicles. But the pace of sales slowed noticeably by March. Much of the increase had stemmed from purchases by rental-car companies and other commercial fleets, rather than individuals.

Rising interest rates and near-record prices have made it hard for many Americans to afford new cars and trucks. In March, car buyers paid an average of $48,008 for new vehicles, an increase of nearly $1,800 from last year, according to Kelley Blue Book, a market researcher. The average monthly payment on new cars last month was $784, up from $683 a year earlier.

While GM's US sales rose in the first quarter, signs of softening consumer demand in the broader market have started to appear. Last week, AutoNation, the largest auto retailer in the United States, said its new-vehicles sales fell 2 percent in the first quarter.

"There is a lot of mixed economic signals in the market, and within auto retail, which do warrant, I think, a more cautionary approach than the past few years," AutoNation's chief executive, Mike Manley, said in a conference call.

GM's stock was down about 4 percent Tuesday, closing at $32.91.

First Republic Bank stock plunges

By Ken Sweet
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — First Republic Bank's stock plunged nearly 50 percent Tuesday after it said depositors withdrew more than $100 billion during last month's crisis, with fears swirling that it could be the third bank to fail after the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank.

The San Francisco bank said late Monday that it was only able to stanch the bleeding after a group of large banks stepped in to save it by depositing $30 billion in uninsured deposits. But investors remained deeply skeptical on what path forward exists for First Republic either as an independent firm or as an acquisition target. The bank likely will have lower profits for years, and if the bank is bought, any purchase would come with an immediate loss to any buyer.

The bank says it plans to sell off unprofitable assets, including the low-interest mortgages that it provided to wealthy clients. It also announced plans to lay off up to a quarter of its workforce, which totaled about 7,200 employees at the end of 2022.

"With still a large level of uncertainty in outcomes and expected losses beyond the next year, we recommend investors sell shares as the outlook appears largely unclear," Citi analyst Arren Cyganovich said in a note to clients.

First Republic has struggled since the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in early March, as investors and depositors have grown increasingly worried that the bank may not survive as an independent entity for much longer.

The bank's stock closed at $8.10 Tuesday, a fraction of the price it was a year ago when it traded for roughly $170 a share.

Before the failure of Silicon Valley Bank, First Republic had a banking franchise that was the envy of most of the industry. Its clients, mostly the rich and powerful, rarely defaulted on their loans. The bank made much of its money-making low-cost loans to the rich, which reportedly included Meta Platforms chief executive Mark Zuckerberg.

But its franchise became a liability when bank customers and analysts noted that the vast majority of First Republic's deposits, like those in Silicon Valley and Signature Bank, were uninsured — that is, above the $250,000 limit set by the FDIC. If First Republic were to fail, its depositors would be at risk of not getting all their money back.

First Republic reported first-quarter results Monday that showed it had $173.5 billion in deposits before Silicon Valley Bank failed on March 9. On April 21, it had deposits of $102.7 billion, which included the $30 billion the big banks deposited. It said since late March, its deposits have been relatively stable.

The bank said its profits fell 33 percent in the three-month period that ended March 31 from a year earlier, and revenues were down 13 percent.

Flexcar launches first Boston marketing campaign

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COURTESY OF FLEXCAR

Boston-based Flexcar offers by-the-month car service.

Boston-based car subscription company Flexcar announced Tuesday that it is launching an advertising campaign with Boston Celtics point guard Marcus Smart during the 2023 NBA Playoffs.

The partnership is the company's first big brand campaign in Boston, according to chief marketing officer Corey Lewis. Flexcar will also have a media presence at Celtics home games during the 2023 NBA Playoffs that includes LED ring signage on the jumbotron at TD Garden.

"The ability to have something as important as a car with flexible terms that saves you money is just one of the reasons I'm so glad to be partnering with Flexcar and kicking off the 'smart' campaign," said Smart in a press release.

Flexcar aims to provide a more flexible and convenient alternative to buying or leasing a car. With a single monthly payment, customers can choose their car on the Flexcar website or mobile app, specify a pick up location, and drive the car for as long as they'd like. Flexcar pricing includes maintenance, insurance, roadside assistance, title, inspection, and the ability to swap cars.

"As a company that's proud to call Boston home, there's no better organization to partner with than the Boston Celtics," said Lewis in a press release. "While the Celtics pursue their 18th NBA Championship, we look forward to launching a marketing campaign that shows Bostonians why Flexcar is the 'smart' choice for getting all the benefits of having a car, without any of the hassles of car ownership."

Flexcar launched in 2021, aiming to provide an alternative to car ownership. Customers have driven over 55 million miles in Flexcars. Flexcar opened a new headquarters in Boston's Seaport in 2022, and has launched service in Atlanta, Charlotte, and Nashville.

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TALKING POINTS

DEVELOPMENT

ALEXANDRIA TO SELL NEWTON LAND WHERE IT HAD PLANNED LAB SPACE

Alexandria Real Estate Equities is halting plans to convert a three-building office campus in Newton directly across from the Riverside MBTA Green Line station into a lab and instead intends to sell the property this year, the California-based life science development firm said in recent securities filings. Alexandria purchased the 509,702-square-foot Riverside Center office from an arm of Houston-based Hines in January 2020 for $235 million, with plans to pursue a lab conversion there once the office leases at the property expired. "Since our acquisition, the macroeconomic environment and demand for office space have deteriorated considerably," Alexandria said in its recent quarterly earnings report. "We recognized a real estate impairment charge of approximately $139 million to reduce our investment in this campus to its current fair value less costs to sell from the book value of $259 million." Companies often take on impairment charges if the value of an asset they own has dropped. Alexandria expects to sell Riverside Center in mid-2023. Also this month, Alexandria and National Development sold a 20 percent stake in 15 Necco St. in Boston to an unnamed investor. That 12-story building now under construction along the Fort Point Channel — a property that was once slated to be home to General Electric Co.'s headquarters — will be home to a genetic research center for pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly & Co. Alexandria sold an 18 percent stake valued at $66.1 million, while National sold a 2 percent interest. — CATHERINE CARLOCK

DEVELOPMENT

FENWAY CORNER PROJECT IS REVISED

WS Development has made several changes to Fenway Corners, its large-scale mixed-use development on multiple land parcels surrounding Fenway Park. The changes include adding 50 housing units and boosting the project's residential affordability levels to 20 percent, deferring 460,000 square feet of development, and restoring the historic city-owned "Duck House," according to a recent filing to the Boston Planning and Development Agency. The project would transform several key parcels around Fenway Park and could eventually connect to Parcel 8, a future air rights site above the Massachusetts Turnpike. Fenway Sports Group has long held the state's designation to develop Parcel 8. (John Henry, the principal owner of Fenway Sports Group, also owns The Boston Globe and the Boston Red Sox.) The future Lansdowne and Parcel 8 buildings would eventually be designed to be connected via a pedestrian path, linking Kenmore Square to Lansdowne Street. — CATHERINE CARLOCK

CHARITY

PETER LYNCH TO AUCTION A LUNCH WITH HIM TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Warren Buffett is reportedly no longer auctioning off a lunch for charity, but you can still break bread with another legendary investor: Peter Lynch. The former portfolio manager and executive at Fidelity Investments is now offering lunch at his home for a winning bidder and seven friends to raise money for the Catholic Schools Foundation. Lynch is best known for the 13 years he spent running Fidelity's Magellan Fund, eventually making it the largest stock fund in the world when he retired in 1990. The bidding for lunch with Lynch started at $25,000 on Tuesday and will continue through noon on Sunday. The money raised will go toward scholarships to Boston-area Catholic schools. Lynch has been a longtime supporter of the foundation, as well as a former board president and now president emeritus. This is the first time, though, that he has auctioned off a lunch for its benefit. It has not been announced yet whether the lunch will take place at Lynch's Marblehead home, or his place in Boston. Mike Reardon, the foundation's executive director, said the concept was inspired by Buffett's lunch auctions, which repeatedly raised millions for the Glide Foundation, an antipoverty group in San Francisco. Buffett reportedly announced that his most recent lunch auction, held last June, would be his last. — JON CHESTO

TECH

WANT TO MAKE MORE THAN $100K? BECOME A TECH INTERN

The highest-paying US internships are still in tech, despite the industry's mass layoffs and shift to austerity in recent months. More than half of the 25 most richly rewarding internships are in the technology industry, according to Glassdoor, a website that compiles workers' reviews of their employers. The ranking was based on salary reports from March 2022 to March 2023 by current and former US-based interns on the platform. Fintech firm Stripe Inc. and video game developer Roblox Corp. topped the list with an average salary of more than $9,000 a month for the temporary, entry-level gigs, which mostly go to college students and recent graduates. That would translate to a wage of about $56 an hour or an annual salary of about $108,000. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

MANUFACTURING

3M ANNOUNCES JOB CUTS

3M plans to cut 6,000 jobs in the manufacturer's latest move to adjust to slumping demand in several key markets. The reductions, part of a wider restructuring of the manufacturer, are expected to trim annual costs by as much as $900 million, 3M said in a statement reporting first-quarter earnings. The company has now announced 8,500 total job cuts this year, which would equate to about a 9 percent decline in its global workforce. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

AUTOMOTIVE

TESLA CUTS PRICE OF CHEAPEST MODEL BELOW COST OF AVERAGE CAR

Tesla is now charging less for the cheapest version of the Model Y SUV than what the typical new vehicle sells for in the United States, a threshold Elon Musk crossed in blazing fashion. At $46,990, the base Model Y now costs $759 less than the average amount paid for a car or truck in the United States. No carmaker has made such a dramatic reduction to a high-volume vehicle in the modern age of the automobile. The Model Y was the best-selling EV in the US last year, and one of the top SUVs of any type. While Musk has denied that Tesla is starting a price war, his peers see it differently. Ford Motor Co. chief executive Jim Farley, whose Mustang Mach-ESUV lost considerable share to the Model Y last quarter — despite some discounting — said last week that price battles are "breaking out everywhere." — BLOOMBERG NEWS

COMPUTING

MICROSOFT PROFIT UP ON CLOUD COMPUTING SALES

Microsoft on Tuesday reported a 9 percent increase in profit for the January-March quarter, as growth in cloud computing sales helped bolster its plans to expand its use of artificial intelligence. The company reported quarterly profit of $18.3 billion, or $2.45 per share, beating Wall Street expectations for earnings of $2.24 a share. The software maker posted revenue of $52.9 billion in the period, its third fiscal quarter, up 7 percent from the same period a year ago. The quarter marked an ambitious push by Microsoft to capitalize on its investments in artificial intelligence and close partnership with San Francisco-based startup OpenAI with the February release of a new AI chatbot feature on its search engine Bing. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

INTERNET

GOOGLE'S AD WOES CONTINUE

Google's advertising malaise persisted during the first quarter while the Internet company also grapples with advancements in artificial intelligence technology that threatens to undercut its dominant search engine. An unprecedented downturn in Google's digital ad revenue – the company's main moneymaker for more than 20 years – came into sharper focus Tuesday with the release of the January-March results for its corporate parent, Alphabet Inc. Although Alphabet's total revenue for the period rose from the same last year, Google's first-quarter ad sales of $54.5 billion marked a slight decrease from a year ago. That dip followed a nearly 4 percent decline during the final three months of last year, making this the first time Google has sustained back-to-back drops in year-over-year ad revenue since becoming a publicly traded company in 2004. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Commerce Dept. outlines its bid to fund chip research

Plans center for semiconductors

By Ana Swanson and Don Clark
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration outlined plans on Tuesday to propel research on the type of cutting-edge microchips needed to power computers, cars, and other devices, saying it would establish a new national organization with locations in various parts of the United States.

The Commerce Department, which is in charge of the administration's efforts to revitalize the US chip industry, said its new National Semiconductor Technology Center would bring together companies, universities, and others to collaborate on next-generation chip technology. The organization would include a string of research centers, the locations of which have yet to be chosen, and aim to be operational by the end of this year.

The organization would help "regain America's leadership in research and development and technologies of the future, and importantly, make sure we stay there for decades to come," Gina Raimondo, the commerce secretary, said in a briefing Monday.

"It's a place where industry and academia and startups and investors can come together to solve the biggest, grandest challenges and set priorities," she added.

The plans are part of the Biden administration's effort to reinvigorate semiconductor manufacturing and ensure that the United States has a steady supply of chips necessary to feed its factories and support its national defense. The Commerce Department has been charged with doling out $50 billion to revitalize the industry, including $11 billion devoted to research and development.

The technology center is expected to be central to that effort. Some of its locations would be capable of end-to-end manufacturing of new chip designs, while others would focus on experimenting with new materials and equipment, or with new ways of putting chips together to make them more powerful, Raimondo said.

Laurie Giandomenico, the vice president and chief acceleration officer of MITRE, a nonprofit organization that operates federally funded research centers, called the $11 billion investment by the United States "pretty significant," given that the semiconductor industry has in past years spent about $70 billion on research and development globally.

The challenge, she said, would be to ensure that the money was spent to encourage collaborative research to solve the industry's biggest problems, not the "siloed innovation" now carried out by chip firms that carefully guard their creations from competitors.

"It should be on areas that no one company can solve alone," she said.

Companies, universities, lawmakers, and local governments have been lobbying the administration to set up an outpost of the new organization in their area. Senator Chuck Schumer, the majority leader and an author of the legislation that funded the semiconductor investment, said in a statement Tuesday that he was pushing to make Albany, N.Y., a site for the new organization.

"Albany is ready to serve as a leading innovation hub of the NSTC," he said.

In the briefing, Raimondo emphasized that the organization would be an independent "trusted" player, with board members appointed by a separate selection committee and strict controls for protecting intellectual property.

One of the organization's primary goals, Raimondo said, would be making it easier and less expensive for startups and other new entrants to develop and commercialize new chip technologies.

"We want to cut in half the projected cost of moving a new chip from concept to commercialization over the next decade," she said.

Chris Miller, the author of "Chip War," which chronicles the industry's development, said it was comparatively easy for a researcher to develop a new idea for a chip in a laboratory. But given the high cost of producing chips, researchers can have a hard time getting their inventions manufactured.

Designing an advanced chip, which may have tens of billions of transistors, can cost hundreds of millions of dollars, according to analysts. The latest systems for defining the smallest circuitry on wafers cost more than $100 million each, while the new factories called "fabs" that make advanced chips can cost $10 billion to $20 billion.

"The big fabs are interested in producing 100 million chips for an iPhone, not 10 chips for a professor at MIT," Miller said.

Toast expands menu to add reservations

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founded in 2014 in New York and acquired by American Express in 2019 for an undisclosed amount.

OpenTable is the market leader by volume, with 36.1 million visits to its website and mobile apps in March, up 3 percent over the past six months, according to data from research firm Similarweb. Resy had 10.6 million visitors in March, up 2 percent.

Toast, which takes online orders for restaurants, already has more Web traffic with 42.1 million visits in March, according to Similarweb.

Analyst Eugene Simuni at SVB MoffettNathanson, noted that Toast has been successful in the past by adding new services such as online ordering and operations management.

"This is just another one like that will also help them grow," he said. "It strengthens their platform and a makes it a little more attractive. The revenue stream is small, though. It's not game changing."

Shares of Toast fell 2.43 percent to $17.25 in market trading Tuesday. Shares have declined 2 percent so far in 2023.

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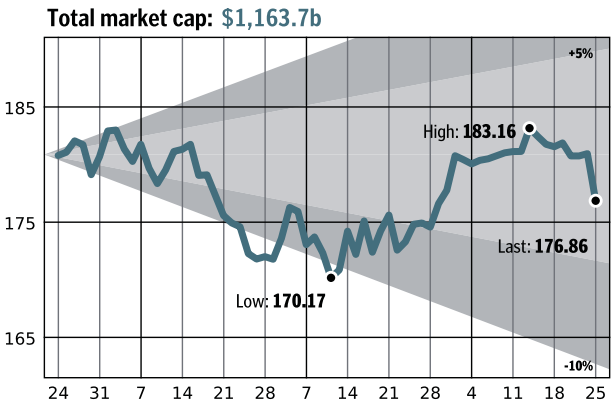

Yesterday 176.86 ▼ 4.09 ▼ 2.3% ▲ YTD 0.9%

	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
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General Electric (GE)	98.44	-1.71	-1.7	107.2
American Tower Corp (AMT)	201.74	-2.20	-1.1	94.0
Analog Devices (ADI)	181.14	-5.82	-3.1	91.6
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	76.84	-1.69	-2.2	88.6
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	331.93	-0.91	-0.3	85.5
Boston Scientific (BSX)	51.11	-0.23	-0.4	73.5
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	134.90	-3.24	-2.3	52.0
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	35.89	+0.53	+1.5	50.5
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	282.41	-10.62	-3.6	40.9
Eversource (ES)	79.57	+0.23	+0.3	27.7
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	202.15	-2.64	-1.3	25.1
State Street Corp (STT)	70.62	-2.85	-3.9	23.8
Insulet Corp (PODD)	321.33	+2.56	+0.8	22.4
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	84.91	-0.71	-0.8	20.9
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	401.85	-10.83	-2.6	19.8
Waters Corp (WAT)	292.71	-17.42	-5.6	17.3
PerkinElmer Inc (PKI)	127.52	-7.34	-5.4	16.1
Iron Mountain (IRM)	54.26	-0.10	-0.2	15.8
LPL Financial (LPLA)	200.51	-4.88	-2.4	15.8
Teradyne Inc (TER)	94.35	-3.25	-3.3	14.7
PTC (PTC)	124.21	-1.88	-1.5	14.7
Akamai (AKAM)	79.47	-1.18	-1.5	12.4
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	123.30	-3.39	-2.7	11.5
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	69.37	-3.57	-4.9	10.4

Markets

Stocks fall on profit, economy worries

Wall Street tumbled Tuesday to its worst day in a month on worries about the strength of corporate profits and the economy following some mixed reports. First Republic Bank had the biggest loss in the S&P 500 by far, and its stock nearly halved after it said customers withdrew more than $100 billion during the first three months of the year. That doesn't include $30 billion in deposits that big banks plugged in to build faith in their rival after the second- and third-largest US bank failures in history shook confidence. The size of the drop in deposits renewed worries about the US banking system and the risk of an economy-sapping pullback in lending. That overshadowed First Republic's beating analysts' expectations for earnings, and its stock plunged 49.4 percent. The majority of companies so far this reporting season have been topping expectations, but the bar was set considerably low. Analysts are forecasting the worst drop in S&P 500 earnings since spring 2020, when the pandemic froze the global economy. That's why Wall Street is focused just as much, if not more, on what companies say about their future prospects as they do about their past three months.

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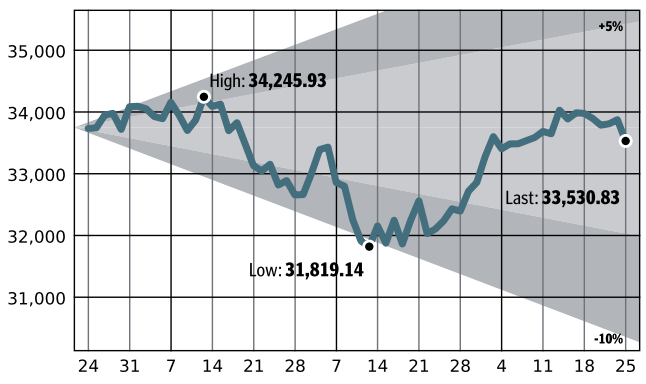

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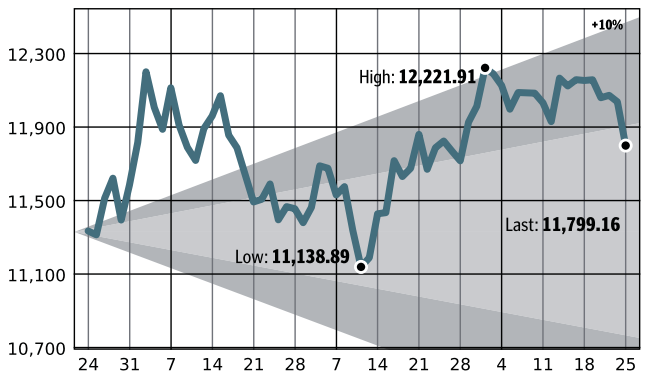

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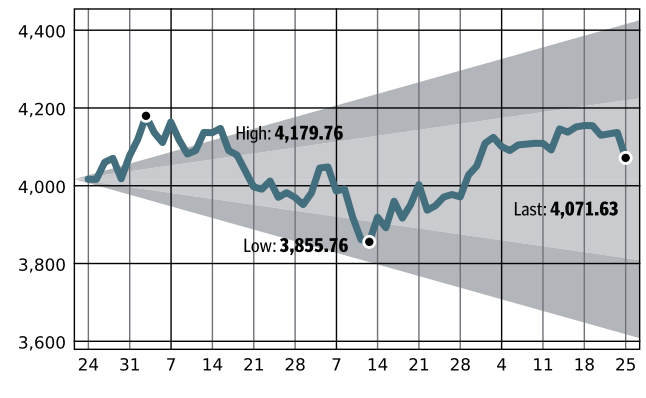
S&P 500 index



Yesterday 4,071.63 ▼ 65.41 ▼ 1.6% ▲ YTD 6.0%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

Biogen gets OK for ALS treatment

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celerated approval, which allows drugs to reach the market based on early evidence from so-called surrogate biomarkers, but before more definite patient benefit is confirmed.

It's the first time accelerated approval has been used by the FDA for a medicine to treat ALS.

In this case, Qalsody reduces levels of a protein called neurofilament light chain that leaks into the blood and spinal fluid of ALS patients as nerves are damaged.

Scientists believe decreases in neurofilament levels will lead to a slowing of neurologic and functional decline in ALS patients, although Biogen will need to confirm the benefit in another clinical trial.

"This is a huge moment for SOD1 ALS patients and more broadly for the ALS community, as it's the first time that the FDA has granted accelerated approval for ALS, and a novel, surrogate endpoint has been established. We're excited for what's to come," said Stephanie Fradette, Biogen's senior medical director in charge of ALS drug development. She spoke to STAT ahead of the approval decision.

Tim Miller, a physician and co-director of the ALS Center at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, said the "substantial reductions" in neurofilament seen with Qalsody signal that "we're slowing down neurodegenerative disease." Miller was an investigator in the Qalsody clinical trial and also spoke to STAT ahead of Tuesday's announcement.

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Biogen said Qalsody is intended to treat people with ALS caused by inherited mutations.

"For other drug development programs in ALS, if you can lower neurofilament as well, you could accelerate the timelines in terms of figuring out whether a drug is working or not, or its ability to slow the neurodegenerative disease process," Miller added.

Qalsody is a so-called antisense drug made from synthetic DNA that attaches to and destroys SOD1 mRNA — the genetic machinery that instructs the body to make proteins. The drug was invented by scientists at Ionis Pharmaceuticals, with support from the ALS Association and the National Institutes of Health. It was later licensed to Biogen.

Results from a Phase 3 study showed Qalsody, after six months, was able to reduce SOD1 protein levels, as expected, but that only led to a modest slowing of neurologic and functional decline in ALS patients compared to a placebo — not enough to reach statistical significance or achieve the study's main efficacy goal.

But Biogen sought accelerated approval anyway, arguing that reductions in neurofilament were reasonably likely to lead to a benefit for patients, even though, due to, limitations and flaws, its Phase 3 study failed to confirm that.

In March, an independent panel of advisers to the FDA sided with Biogen, concluding the need for a new treatment for ALS patients outweighed the risks. The panel recommended accelerated approval, while also urging the FDA and Biogen to collect additional data to confirm the drug's benefit.

"The FDA's decision marks a significant step in our effort to make ALS livable for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it," said Calaneet Balas, president and chief executive of the ALS Association, in a statement. "We thank the FDA and Biogen for working together to bring tofersen [Qalsody] to people living with ALS as quickly as possible."

Biogen is conducting a second Phase 3 study enrolling participants with SOD1 ALS but without any symptoms.

The participants are monitored regularly until increases in neurofilament reach a predetermined level but still without clinical symptoms. At that point, the participants are randomly assigned to receive Qalsody or a placebo.

The goal of the study is to determine if Qalsody can delay the onset of ALS symptoms.

Enrollment in the confirmatory study is halfway completed, and Biogen expects to readout results at the end of 2027 or early in 2028.

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MBTA to riders: Sorry, no refunds

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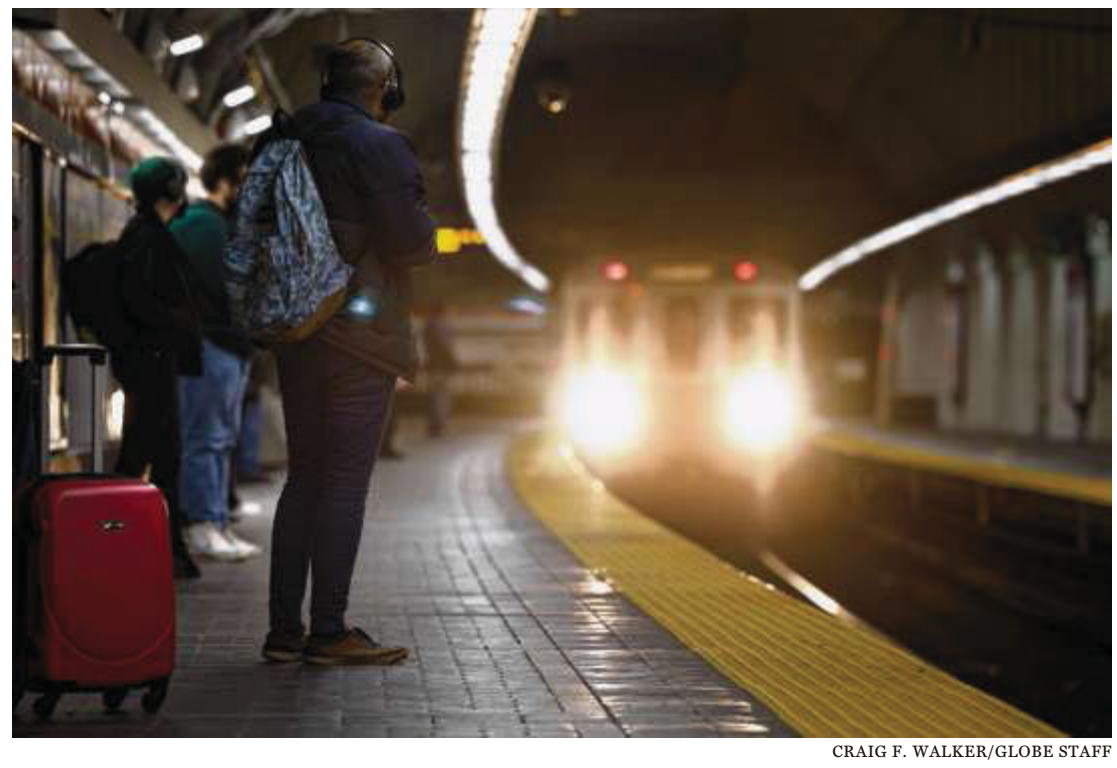
2015, after one fierce snowstorm after another left Boston buried in a record snowfall of 110 inches. Service on the T was severely curtailed for five weeks, including two days of complete shutdown. The T general manager abruptly quit and the board resigned.

The T responded by discounting monthly passes by 15 percent for one month (about $12 per pass holder) and throwing open its gates for one day of free rides for all.

But that wasn't enough for one beleaguered commuter rail monthly pass holder. She wanted the T held financially accountable in a class-action lawsuit for breach of contract. The $182 she had paid for her pass was supposed to give her a month of unlimited travel, but she got little benefit from it because for weeks the T was either shut down or running only a few trains.

According to the suit, the real reason for the T's substandard performance wasn't the weather but "years of MBTA mismanagement and a culture of indifference," including a lack of equipment needed to keep the system running in winter storms. (This is, after all, New England.)

That's the usual basis for a refund: you agreed to pay for something but the other party failed to deliver. Recall that when fitness centers shut down during the pandemic they were on the hook for refunds. You rightfully demand a refund for tickets when a show or event is canceled. The hotel I recently booked promised an Internet connection in my room but didn't deliver. Management promised a refund.



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As tensions and complaints rise, the MBTA said it understands "customer frustrations and is committed to improving service" but does not issue fare refunds.

But a panel of appeals court judges tossed out the lawsuit, saying the T had "no express contractual obligation to provide 'normal' or 'regular' service." The judges were apparently reluctant to hold the T strictly accountable the way they might have a private company.

Some transit systems elsewhere in recent years have offered discounts and other incentives to lure riders back post-pandemic, but not the T.

"The T keeps saying 'sorry for the inconvenience,' but that's just not good enough," said Pete Wilson of the advocacy group Transportation for Massachusetts. "We deserve fare reductions."

When I asked the T about a possible refund or fare reduction, I got the kind of boilerplate statement that's sure to infuriate those who've heard it all before — too many times.

"The MBTA understands customer frustrations, and is committed to improving service and regaining the trust of our riders," but it "does not issue fare refunds," the statement said.

The T has recently tried to show its appreciation for riders by occasionally and randomly handing out $5 Dunkin' gift cards at a few of its stations.

"I think those are small but meaningful gestures," said Jarred Johnson of the advocacy group TransitMatters.

But a refund? Johnson is skeptical.

"A refund is nice, but at the end of the day, if you're missing hours of pay because you're late for work, a few bucks in a refund isn't going to make it," he said. "The No. 1 focus must be on increasing reliability."

Jim Aloisi, a former transportation secretary, agreed: "Refunds are not the answer. The answer is to improve performance."

In the meantime, I want my Dunkin' gift card.

Got a problem? Send your consumer issue to sean.murphy@globe.com. Follow him on Twitter @spmurphyboston.

Orbital raises $270m for gene-based work

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The chairman of Orbital's board, John Maraganore, is also steeped in RNA science. He served as chief executive of Cambridge biotech Alnylam for more than 19 years before leaving at the end of 2021. Since 2018, Alnylam has persuaded the Food and Drug Administration to approve five drugs that rely on RNA interference, a Nobel Prize-winning approach to mute disease-causing genes. Maraganore is also a cofounder of Orbital.

The firm's scientific cofounders include Dr. Drew Weissman, a professor in vaccine research at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and Lexington native whose research contributed to the development of mRNA vaccines.

When Orbital's founding and seed investments were announced in September, the biotech trumpeted a partnership with Beam Therapeutics, another Cambridge company that hopes to tap the potential of genetic medicine. The president of Beam's board happens to be Ciaramella.

The corporate partners have given each other access to its RNA technology and nonviral delivery technology. Orbital's exclusive field of use consists of vaccines and certain therapeutic proteins, while Beam's exclusive field of use consists of gene editing and conditioning for use in cell transplantation.

The $270 million fund-raising round is notable, given the downturn in the biotech sector. Biotech, including such homegrown Massachusetts firms as Biogen, have laid off hundreds of workers. Industrywide, stocks fell a whopping 26 percent during 2022, according to one benchmark — the exchange-traded fund XBI — and the number of IPOs plummeted. In the early days of the pandemic, no business sector seemed like a better bet for investors than biotech.

Kristina Burow, managing partner of ARCH Venture Partners, the Chicago-based venture capital firm that led the fund-raising round, said, "Orbital's vision of building a first-of-its-kind RNA platform that integrates established and emerging technologies and delivery mechanisms, coupled with an experienced team that can execute on that vision, allowed us to raise the capital."

The firm has 39 employees, including some in South San Francisco.

Other participants in the fund-raising round included initial investors a16z Bio + Health and Newpath Partners and new investors Abu Dhabi Growth Fund, Redmile Group, Exor N.V., Invus, Moore Strategic Ventures, iGlobe Platinum Fund Group, Casdin Capital, Agent Capital, Alexandria Venture Investments, Rellim Capital Management, Heritage Medical Systems, and other undisclosed investors.

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The Category of Work is: Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems

Project Name: 2024-002 3-Yr. Preventative Maintenance of Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Systems

Project Location: S.C. Fuller Mental Health Center 85 East Newton Street Boston, MA 02118

Estimated Construction Cost: $90,000

Contractor to perform preventative maintenance tasks specified on the building sprinkler and fire alarm systems in accordance with the plans and specification of contract documents.

Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Division of Occupational Safety under the provisions of Sections 26 and 27, Chapter 149 of the General Laws and will be included in the bid package.

Proposals will ONLY be submitted online via COMMBUYS website by the General Bids Submission Deadline date on forms furnished by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and clearly identified as a bid, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and the project name.

Each general bid proposal must be secured by an uploaded photocopy of an accompanying **deposit of 5%** of the total bid amount, including all alternates, in the form of a bid bond, a certified, treasurer's, or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Awarded vendor will then mail the original 5% deposit bond or check to the Department of Mental Health Engineering and Facilities Management Department at 167 Lyman Street Room 158 Westborough, MA 01581. The Department reserves the right to waive any informality in or reject any or all Bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

Plans and Specifications will **ONLY** be available at **COMMBUYS** from **04/26/2023 until bid opening as amended**. Bid must be submitted electronically on COMMBUYS by the General Bids Submission Deadline date above. If you have any questions or concerns with using COMMBUYS, please contact the COMMBUYS help desk at 617-720-3197 (8am - 5pm EST Monday thru Friday).

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MBW/WBE Contractors are encouraged to inquire about this project.

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LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Manuel P. Furtado to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a Subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated October 19, 2007 and recorded in Bristol County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 8834, Page 114 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, its successors or assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition, LLC dated September 24, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 9521, Page 144, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, ts successors and assigns to CIT Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns dated July 21, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 11770, Page 338, and Assignment from CIT Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust dated October 18, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 12633, Page 166, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 316 Old Fall River Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on May 10, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

With quitclaim covenants the land, together with the buildings thereon, located in North
Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the northwest corner thereof at a stake in the southerly line of Old Fall River Road,
said stake being 116.82 feet easterly of a stone bound in the southerly line of said Old Fall River
Road;
Thence in line of said Road S. 72 degrees 35' 10" E 163.06 feet;
Thence S 17 degrees 24' 50" W 123.20 feet to a stake;
Thence N 72 degrees 35' 10" W 163.06 feet to a stake;
Thence N 17 degrees 24' 50" E. 123.20 feet to the southerly line of Old Fall River Road and
point of beginning.
Containing 20, 089 square feet, more or less. See plan of land of Manuel P. Furtado dated
January 26, 1966 filed with the Bristol County (S.D.) Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 71 at Page
46.
Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with
Bristol South District Registry of Deeds in Book 4934, Page 81

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Bristol County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4934, Page 83 and Book 2420, Page 331.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

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Bid Documents available: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 on or after 10:00 a.m.

Bid Opening: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by Projectdog Inc. or by the Awarding Authority. Tutorials and Instructions are available online at www.Projectdog.com. Click here to download the Projectdog E-Bid Supplement. For assistance, contact Projectdog Inc. at 978.499.9014.

Bid Documents are available online at www.Projectdog.com. Enter the **Project Code 855559** in the project locator box and select "Acquire Documents" to download documents. A free CD-ROM may be requested by contacting Projectdog – shipping & handling charges apply. All plan holders must have an active online account on www.Projectdog.com to acquire documents, receive project notifications, and to submit bids electronically. Hard copies of the documents may also be viewed, but not removed, from the offices of Projectdog Inc., 18 Graf Road - Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The general scope of this contract shall consist of grass cutting and trimming every other week, removal of leaves, mulching and pruning of shrubs at various sites throughout Newton owned by the Authority. Work shall also include removal of all debris including, downed limbs, obvious large weeds in pre-existing plant mulch beds, and removal of litter from pre-existing plant mulch beds including areas that are to be cut and trimmed before they are cut and trimmed, as well as the removal and legal disposal of all debris generated in performance of the work.

The estimated total value of the potential three (3) year contract is $105,000, with the annual value being $35,000 with the possible addition of two additional one-year terms at the discretion of the Authority. All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B. The successful bidder will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance demonstrating current coverage of the type and amounts set forth in the Project Manual. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract total in addition to a Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract total.

Award will be made to the responsible and responsive bidder offering the lowest total bid price. A Bid Bond is required and must be submitted with the Bid in the amount of 5% of the value of the total Bid.

The contract term shall extend from June 12, 2023 through June 11, 2026 with the option, at the Authority's sole discretion, to extend for 2 additional 1year terms with no change to the contract price and terms and conditions. The exercise of each option to renew shall be subject to appropriation and /or continuation of funding. If for any fiscal year or any part thereof during the term of this Agreement, funds for the discharge of the Authority's obligations under this Agreement are not appropriated and authorized, or funds so appropriated and authorized are reduced or withdrawn, then this Agreement shall terminate.

By Its Executive Director, Amy Zarechian

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
General Contractor and Trade Contractors

For

Lincoln Eliot ELEMENTARY School Addition and Ren0vation

Pursuant to Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004, the City of Newton through its Permanent Building Committee, requests qualifications from General Contractors and trade contractors for the Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School Addition and Renovation Project #23-85 & #23-86, 150 Jackson Road, Newton, MA 02458. The Awarding Authority invites pre-qualifications, pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 149, Sections 44D1/2 of General Contractors and Section 44D3/4 of trade contractors. The following are the sub-trades for which qualification packages are being requested:

Masonry
Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron
Waterproofing, Damp-proofing, Caulking
Roofing and Flashing
Metal Windows
Glass and Glazing
Tile
Acoustical Tile
Resilient Floors
Painting
Elevators
Fire Protection
Plumbing
Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning
Electrical

This request for qualifications (RFQ) will be used to prequalify General Contractors and trade contractors who will be invited to submit bids pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 149 as amended by Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004. General Contractors will be pre-qualified under Bid #23-85. Sub-Contractors will be pre-qualified under bid # 23-86.

The estimated cost of construction is: **$37,500,000**

Request for Qualification Packets may be requested on/after **9:00 am EST Thursday, April 26, 2023** from the Owner's Project Manager, Hill International, by **email** at adminboston@hillintl.com. Respondents must provide all contact information.

Statements of Qualifications in response to this RFQ shall be signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. Qualifications must be received on/before **3:00 pm EST Thursday, May 25, 2023** by Hill International, 75 Second Avenue, Suite 300, Needham, MA 02494 Attn: Tina Donovan. All responses submitted after this time will not be accepted.

WANTED TO LEASE
OFFICE SPACE IN BOSTON ZIP CODE 02114, DORCHESTER, ROXBURY, OR WEST ROXBURY

On behalf of the Committee for Public Counsel (CPC), the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance invites proposals to lease approximately 7,000 usable square feet of office space in the above-referenced search area for a term of 10 years.

Proposals must be submitted to:

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
Office of Leasing and State Office Planning
One Ashburton Place
15th Floor, Room 1500
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

or by e-mail to:
leasepropsubmittal.DCAMM@mass.gov

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **May 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/service-details/leasing-property-to-the-commonwealth Under Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COMMBUYS" and then click on "Find It". You may also email leasing.dcamm@mass.gov or call 857-204-1355 to request a copy of the RFP, referencing Project Number 202303700. For further information, call Jamie Merrill Blood, Senior Project Manager (857) 278-9626 or email jamie.blood@mass.gov. This notice is also available at www.masspublicnotices.org.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Craig R. Viola to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Florida Capital Bank, N.A. dba Florida Capital Bank Mortgage, dated January 26, 2012 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58388, Page 509, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated March 13, 2017, and recorded with said Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 69226, Page 149, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Florida Capital Bank, National Association, doing business as Florida Capital Bank Mortgage, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, recorded on November 9, 2016, in Book No. 68375, at Page 424

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to MCLP Asset Company, Inc., recorded on December 20, 2022, in Book No. 81087, at Page 141

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on May 17, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 40 Great Road, Maynard, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
A certain parcel of land situated on the Northeasterly side of Great Road and the Southwesterly side of Summer Hill Road in Maynard and being shown as Lot 4 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Maynard, Mass.", owned by Charles P. Taylor and Maude R. Taylor, dated June 10, 1959, drawn by Mac Carthy Engineering Service, Inc. and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan #1364 of 1959 and bounded:
SOUTH WESTERLY by Great Road, 83.00 feet;
WESTERLY by the intersection of Great Road and Summer Hill Road, 45.71 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by Summer Hill Road, 106.89 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by Lot Son said plan, 65 feet; and
SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 3 on said plan, 120.54 feet,
Containing according to said plan 11,163 square feet.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50626, Page 72.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC.
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
20815

LEGAL NOTICE

NEWTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Newton Housing Authority is seeking Sealed bids to furnish all labor and materials for ELECTRICAL SERVICES for properties owned by Newton Housing Authority throughout the City of Newton. The contract is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by Projectdog Inc. or by the Awarding Authority. Tutorials and Instructions are available online at www.Projectdog.com. Click here to download the Projectdog E-Bid Supplement. For assistance, contact Projectdog Inc. at 978.499.9014.

The Contract for Electrical Services is estimated to cost $49,500 and is for a one-year term with a possible additional two, one year terms at the discretion of the Authority. The total estimated value of a three-year term is $148,500.

Specifications and contract documents will be available on or after May 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and will be available online at www.Projectdog.com. Enter the Project Code #855558 in the project locator box and select "Acquire Documents" to download documents. A free CD-ROM may be requested by contacting Projectdog – shipping & handling charges apply. All plan holders must have an active online account on www.Projectdog.com to acquire documents, receive project notifications, and to submit bids electronically. Hard copies of the documents may also be viewed, but not removed, from the offices of Projectdog Inc., 18 Graf Road - Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
All questions regarding the scope of work involved in the contract shall be directed to Christine Long, Capital Improvement Coordinator, by emailing clong@newtonhousing.org.

Site Visits: By Appointment
Deadline for Questions: Monday, May 15, 2023 12:00 p.m.
Bid Opening: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by Newton Housing Authority, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "Newton Housing Authority."

The Newton Housing Authority reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the Authority.

The Newton Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39M.

By Its Executive Director, Amy Zarechian

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Housing Authority of the City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island invites proposals for Architectural and Engineering Services for all facilities of the Woonsocket Housing Authority.

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on May 19, 2023, at the Woonsocket Housing Authority, Attn: Karen Bruyere, 679 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895.

The RFQ package is available on line at www.woonsockethousing.org in Bid Opportunities under the Procurement heading. Questions regarding the RFQ should be directed to Karen Bruyere at Kbruyere@woonsockethousing.org.

Todd Boisvert
Executive Director

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(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
22 SM 003766
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:Jason Moore

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston (Dorchester), numbered 274 1/2 Norfolk Street, given by Jason Moore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Intercontinental Capital Group, Inc., dated October 11, 2019, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61908, Page 90, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 23, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 9, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22-003145

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
22 SM 003897
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Mary Clark

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Billerica, numbered 12 Priscilla Lane, given by Norman R. Clark, Mary Clark to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 14, 2007, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21247, Page 28, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 30, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 19, 2022.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22847

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 23 SM 001679
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Jean Pierre Paul; Marie P. Joseph a/k/a Marie Joseph

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Waltham, numbered 101 Princeton Avenue, given by Jean Pierre Paul and Marie P. Joseph to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for First Franklin Financial Corp., AN OP. SUB. OF MLB&T CO., FSB, its successors and assigns, dated February 28, 2007, and recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49069, Page 341, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 6/5/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 4/20/2023.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
INVITATION FOR BID

Split Ductless Heat Pump System at South Street Public Safety Building (RE-BID)
BHA Job # 1947-07

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) invites sealed bids for **Split Ductless Heat Pump System at South Street Public Safety Building (RE-BID), BHA Job # 1947-07**, prepared by Boston Housing Authority. The work is estimated at $90,000.00. Bids will be received and publicly opened at the BHA's Procurement Department, 52 Chauncy Street, 6th floor, Boston, MA, 02111. If bidders are to hand-deliver bids, please drop off bids at the Bids/Proposals Drop-Off Box in the lobby of 56 Chauncy Street.

Bids not received by the following times will be rejected:

General bid opening (virtual): 11:00 AM on May 17, 2023. https://tinyurl.com/1947-07gb

The general bid must include: a 5% bid deposit by a bid bond, cash, certified, treasurer's, or cashier's check. The successful bidder must furnish 50% Payment Bonds. All bids are subject to MGL c. 30, sec. 39M. Wages are subject to minimum wage rates set by the US Department of Labor. All general bidders must follow the BHA's Minority and Women Participation Provision and Resident Employment Provision.

Bid package is available to download via https://www.bostonhousing.org/en/Bid-Opportunities/Current-Bid-Opportunities.aspx; email queries regarding BHA bids may be directed to bids@bostonhousing.org.

All bidders should attend the site visit at 10:00 AM on May 4, 2023, at 125 South Street (rear of parking area), Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. All questions should be emailed to bids@bostonhousing.org. The latest date for the BHA to receive questions will be May 5, 2023. The BHA reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all general bids, if it be in the public interest to do so. Covid safety procedures are in effect, see https://bit.ly/BHAcovid.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION
MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
50 Oakland St Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
#23-13
The College is seeking a qualified contractor for the Room 242 Asbestos Abatement project on the Wellesley campus. Bidders are invited to attend the optional pre-bid walkthrough which will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 11:30AM. Email quotes are acceptable, please email quotes to dwagner@massbay.edu
Bids are available as of April 19, 2023; The specs can be downloaded from www.commbuys.com: BD-23-1064-1064-02481-87083. To request a copy email bids@massbay.edu and reference BID#23-13.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS –
M.G.L. C. 30, sec 39M CONSTRUCTION
ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION FOR BIDS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION and RECREATION
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600,
Boston, MA 02114-2104
PHONE: 617-626-1250
www.mass.gov/dcr

Contract No. P23-3490-M2A Rebid
Title: Annual Underwater Maintenance and Service
Counties: Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, Worcester, Dukes, Nantucket

GENERAL BID proposals shall be submitted on a form furnished by the Department and will be received until 12:00 PM Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 will be received through DCR's E-bid room at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/36765/home.

Individual sets of contract documents will only be available on DCR's E-bid room at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/36765/home.

If any addenda are issued throughout the open period for this project, DCR will distribute these addenda via Bid Express, which will also email identified prospective at the time plans and specifications are issued.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bidding conference for prospective bidders will be held on Wednesday May 10th, 2023, at 10:00 AM at Charles River Dam – 250 Warren Ave Charlestown MA 02129. Please call Theo Bien-Aime Jr at 617-727-0488 for directions.

The project consists of Annual inspection and repair all components associated with the Dam (Sector Gates bearings, Skin plates, Anodes etc..) and all various Flood Control facilities

The estimated project cost is $ 1,200,000.00 ($ 600,000.00 per Fiscal Year, two years contract)

The work is to be accomplished within 730 calendar days of a notice to proceed. Liquidated damages in the amount of $ 500.00 per day will be assessed if the work has not been completed in accordance with the provisions of the contract within the time specified (as extended by any authorized extension of time granted in accordance with the contract provisions).

Bidders must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation (MassDOT) Highway Division in **Marine Construction or Dam Construction** to bid on the above project. An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not pre-qualified by MassDOT prior to the opening of Proposals. In addition, the General Contractor shall also have the following qualification requirements:

A. A minimum of five years' experience in Marine Construction to perform the scope of services of this contract.
B. The Bidder must be Certified in the following categories:
1. Commercial Scuba-Surface Supplied Air and mixed gas diving operations, equipment repair and Maintenance of diving equipment
2. Hyperbolic Chamber Operations and Hyperbolic Treatment Construction Rigging.
3. Welding, Cutting observation and Lockout Belt Driving

The proposed contract includes a combined requirement of 10.4% of the bid price for minority-owned business enterprises and women-owned business enterprises. Proposed MBE/WBE plans that include solely MBE or solely WBE or do not include a reasonable amount by both MBE and WBE firms to meet the combined requirements, will not be considered responsive.

The applicable local minority workforce utilization percentage is a minimum goal of 15.3%. The applicable local women workforce utilization percentage is a minimum goal of 6.9%.

The Commonwealth requires participation of Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises ("VOBE") on its construction projects. The Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise participation benchmark for this contract is 3.0%.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid deposit, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of 5% of the bid.

Each bid must be submitted through DCR's E-Bid room at www.bidexpress.com/businesses/36765/home. Please ensure that your bid is complete and marked as responsive when submitting through DCR's Bid room. Any bids found to be incomplete and/or marked unresponsive will be rejected by DCR and will not be considered when awarding the project.

Bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30, Sect. 39F, G, H and M inclusive. Wages are subject to minimum wage rates as per M.G.L. Ch. 149, sections 26 to 27D inclusive. The Department reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

Brian M. Arrigo, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 23 SM 001696
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: John F. Robinson, as Trustee of the "Robinson Family Revocable Trust," dated October 17, 2018

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Reliance First Capital, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Walpole, numbered 3 Stone Hill Terrace, given by John F. Robinson as Trustee of The "Robinson Family Revocable Trust," dated October 17, 2018 to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Reliance First Capital LLC, dated December 8, 2020, and recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39303, Page 206, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 6/5/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 4/20/2023.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 23 SM 001676
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Arthur LeCuyer, Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark Davidson; Jean Coffin
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Watertown, numbered 83 Holt Street, Unit No. 83, of the 81-83 Holt Street Condominium, given by Mark Davidson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Leader Mortgage Company Inc., dated January 11, 2013, and recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60949, Page 343, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 6/5/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 4/20/2023.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

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2 Latti Farm Road, Rte 20, Millbury
877-875-5491
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1441 Bald Hill Road, Rt. 2, Warwick, RI
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DAN SHAUGHNESSY

We've heard this before, but anything can happen

Perhaps as soon as Thursday, Boston fans will be able to look back and laugh. Maybe in six weeks we'll remember this one as the night the immature, still-without-rings Celtics finally woke up and realized they're not as good as they think they are. Maybe this will prove to be the epiphany — the moment in which the Celtics finally understood something so simple and so huge.

But this is not that moment. Right now, in real time, this can only be described as one of the greatest gag jobs in Boston sports history. Call it Atlanta's revenge for 28-3. It was a collapse worthy of the pre-2004 Red Sox. At this moment, the 2023 Celtics are Parquet Posers.

Graced with the presence of the Tomato Can Hawks (41-41), the mighty Celtics — Vegas fa-

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The expression on the face of coach Joe Mazzulla late in the fourth quarter tells the story of the Celtics' collapse.

Hawks swoop in to win when Celtics falter late

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

Jayson Tatum sat silently at his locker, his feet in a yellow bucket of ice water, and scrolled through his phone. For about 10 minutes, he was the only player in the room, a rare scene even after losses. It had the feel of a broken end to a charmed season, even though it was not.

Eventually, a similarly silent Jaylen Brown joined Tatum before quickly dressing and walking down a hallway to a press conference room to try to explain what had just transpired.

"You give a team life, you leave it to chance," Brown said. "And that's what we did."

At the start of the night, Game 5 of this opening-round playoff series against the Hawks seemed like a formality. The Celtics held a commanding 3-1 lead against a .500 team that was entering one of league's rowdiest road venues without star guard Dejounte Murray, who was suspended for bumping an official at the conclusion of Boston's Game 4 win.

But the Hawks have one other star, and even though he is streaky and small and a defen-

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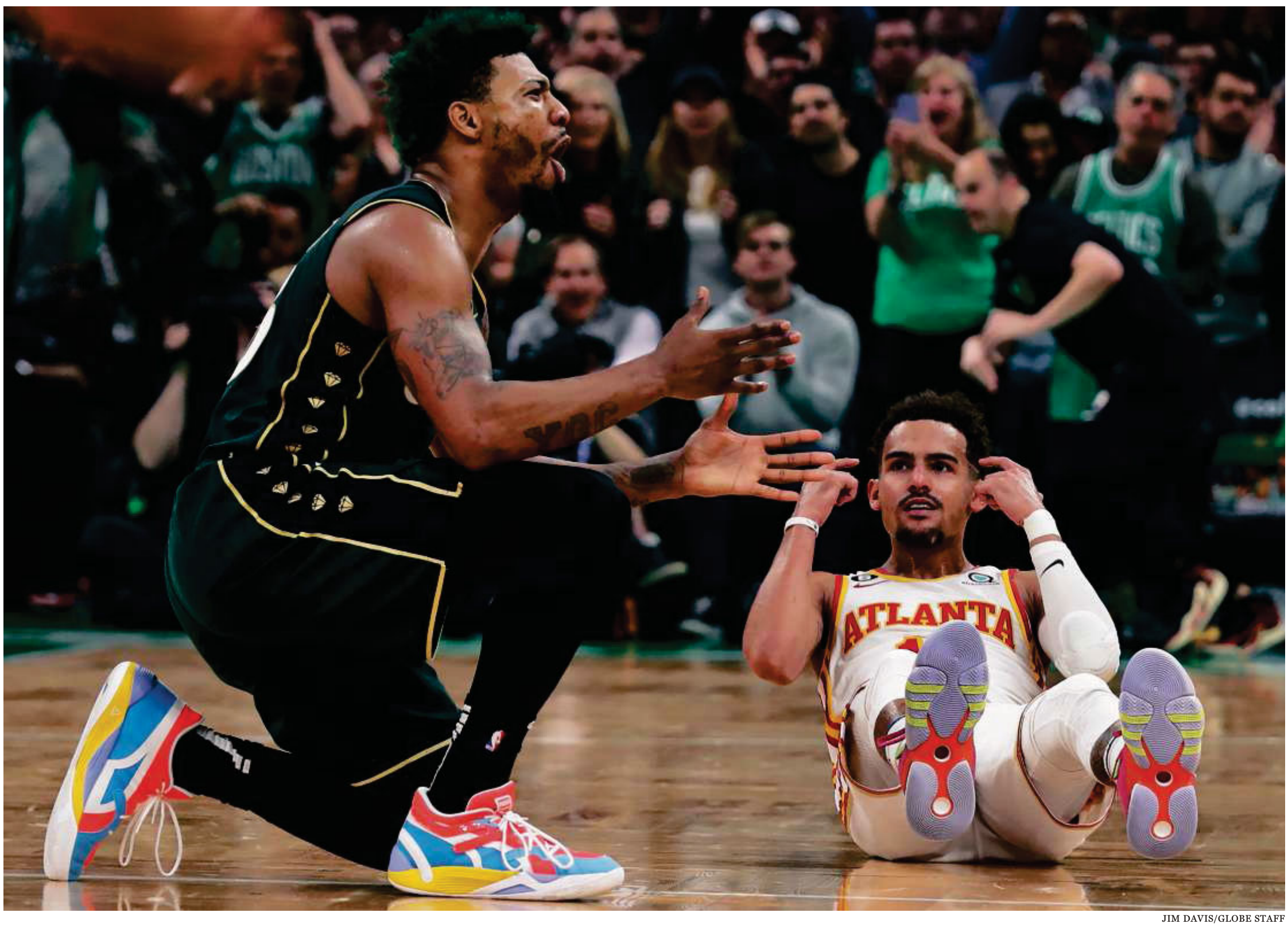

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The Celtics' Marcus Smart pleads his case, unsuccessfully, to an official after being whistled for a foul on the Hawks' Trae Young (seated) near midcourt with 15.1 seconds left to play.

NHL PLAYOFFS
PANTHERS AT BRUINS
Game 5, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Bruins lead series, 3-1

Bruins expecting best of Panthers

By Matt Porter
GLOBE STAFF

Twice in the last week, the Bruins made Panthers fans stream out of their own arena before the final buzzer. They made themselves right at home at FLA Live Arena, from the in-game chants to the final chorus of whoops and hollers as the Bruins hugged their way off the ice with a 3-1 series lead.

The last time the Bruins played in their own building, however, the Panthers' dominant third period in Game 2 caused Boston fans to trudge toward Causeway Street a little early.

Game 5, they hope, is a Garden party that lasts until the end.

Wednesday is a chance for the record-setting Bruins to close out this first-round series, which will surely see the underdog Panthers throwing everything they have at them.

"We had a little slump there in Game 2 and we knew that there were some things that needed to be dealt with," Bruins coach Jim Montgomery said. "We came together and we played a really, really solid Game 3, and it's going to be like — every game is a new opportunity to shine and show what you're made of.

"And we know that there's going to be a last-hurrah push

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PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Center fielder Jarren Duran's grand slam gave the Red Sox a 7-0 lead over the Orioles in the third en route to an 8-6 victory at Camden Yards.

Duran delivers as Sox survive

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

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BALTIMORE — Jarren Duran was labeled the Red Sox center fielder of the future heading into the 2021 season.

Duran was supposed to represent the new wave of talent. The new star in Boston that would lead this Red Sox team back to its glory. The proof that a contender could be constructed again with homegrown players, and ultimately, thrive. The team had already moved on from Jackie Bradley Jr., Mookie Betts, and Andrew Benintendi. Duran was supposed to be next.

But struggles in the years, days, and months since followed Duran, and the share of disappointments, and even depression, for a youngster trying to live up to expectations followed him, too.

When Duran was called up in May of last year

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Kentucky quarterback Will Levis, seen by many as a first-round draft pick, grew up in North Attleborough and Connecticut.

NFL DRAFT

N.E. roots served Levis well

Drive to succeed had origins here

By Trevor Hass
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When Will Levis takes the field, he plays without fear or inhibition to remind kids from New England that it's possible to defy the odds and achieve their dreams.

Levis was born at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, spent the first six years of his life in North Attleborough, then blossomed into a star in Madison, Conn. His football journey took him to Xavier High School (Middletown, Conn.), Penn State, then Kentucky, and now he will be headed to the NFL.

"I think that coming from this area really did help me," Levis said. "I thought of myself as more of an underdog. If I grew up in Texas, or in California, maybe my mind-set would have been different. Where I grew up really helped me and pushed me to become who I am."

Levis is currently the Vegas favorite to go No. 2 overall in this week's NFL Draft to the Texans.

As he reaches new heights, Levis keeps his local roots close to his heart. His great-grandfather, Alva Kelley, coached at Brown. His grandfather, David Kelley, was a three-sport athlete at UMass and coached at Yale, and his uncle played at Yale. His father, Mike, starred in football at Bishop Feehan, and his mother, Beth, was an All-American soccer player at Yale.

He grew up a huge Patriots fan and has tried to model his work ethic after Tom Brady's.

Liam Coen, a former UMass star who is Kentucky's offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, believes much of Levis's success stems from his incredible focus and a deep desire to live up to his potential.

"He does extra," Coen said. "Every single meeting, walkthrough, practice is truly gamelike. The way he prepares, the way he attacks everything that he does, that's been instilled in him from his family at a very young age. He's outworked everybody that he's ultimately come across."

Levis was born in June of 1999, and lived just a few miles from Gillette Stadium, so it was nearly impossible not to become a Patriots fan. A few Patriots lived in his neighborhood; then-Patriots QB coach Dick Rehbein was just around the corner.

Levis describes himself as a kid who was "banging into walls" and "being reckless." He dabbled in basketball, T-ball, and soccer at the YMCA, but something about football always stood out.

Brady was a major reason why. Levis saw that Brady also had three sisters, was underappreciated at times, and never stopped pursuing perfection. Levis envisioned what he wanted to become through Brady's journey. When Levis met Brady last summer at a golf event in Las Vegas, it reinforced how far he has come and how much more there is to accomplish.

"I think Will's had that chip on his shoulder, and still does, like what Tom Brady always has, to prove people wrong and be the best version of himself," Mike Levis said.

Levis always had talent, but at Xavier, he didn't immediately catch the eye of Power Five schools. Former Millis coach Dana Olson helped connect him with the right people, and when Levis found himself standing out at camps in the South, he realized he belonged. Offers came in a hurry before his senior season, and he found a home at Penn State.

When Levis decided to transfer from Penn State, he dealt with some "internal turmoil" and initially believed he was giving up. After some reflection, he realized that wasn't the case; instead, he was continuing his dreams on a new path.

He blossomed into a star at Kentucky, throwing 43 touchdown passes and accumulating more than 5,000 passing yards in two years.

Levis became a captain after just eight practices. He cares about building relationships and is more well-rounded than the typical football player, in Coen's eyes.

"When you meet Will, you're around him, and he walks in the room, you feel him," Coen said. "He has a presence that a lot of the really good ones have. Those are the types of things that make him special."

Much of that stemmed from watching his grandfather David Kelley connect with players throughout Levis's childhood.

Kelley would pull Levis aside at a young age for heart-to-hearts, teaching him how to become a man. At first Levis found himself squirming in his seat, eager to end the chats. Once he got older, he realized how wise his grandfather's words were.

"He ended pretty much every single conversation I had with him with, 'Never give up,' " Levis said. "That became my mantra."

Kelley died in 2020 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, but he's never far from Levis's mind. Levis has a tattoo on his right biceps that reads "2nd Chronicles 15:7," to remind him: "Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

So Kelley is with him on every pass he throws.

Family is everything to Levis, and he plays in large part to make them proud. He'll always root for New England sports teams — unless of course he doesn't go to the Patriots — but he's hungry to continue carving out his own path.

"It was definitely a blessing to have so many people in my family before me go on to be successful," Levis said. "One, it showed me that it was possible, and two, it gave me motivation to continue that legacy."

Other New Englanders to watch

Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College: Possible first- or second-rounder, played four seasons and had 200 catches for 3,056 yards and 29 touchdowns.
Luke Schoonmaker, TE, Michigan: From Hamden, Conn., played three seasons and totaled 54 receptions for 637 yards.
Jerrod Clark, DT, Coastal Carolina: From Dorchester, starred at Brighton High, saw action in three seasons with the Chanticleers and registered 107 tackles and 7.5 sacks.
Austin Burton, Purdue, QB: From Newton, totaled 682 passing yards over one season at UCLA and two at Purdue; grandfather Ron Burton was the first-ever draft pick of the Boston Patriots.
Jaiden Woodbey, S, Boston College: Started his career at Florida State and compiled 104 tackles over two seasons with the Eagles.
Marcus Valdez, DE, Boston College: Posted 133 tackles and 13.5 sacks over five seasons at BC.
Liam Anderson, LB, Holy Cross: Spent five seasons with the Crusaders and racked up 214 tackles, 14.5 sacks, and 6 interceptions.
Chibueze Onwuka, DT, Boston College: Missed the 2021 season with an Achilles' tendon injury, played in 22 games over two seasons, and forced two fumbles with the Eagles.

TREVOR HASS

NFL DRAFT | DEFENSIVE BACKS

Ringo stars at CB with size, speed

By Jim McBride
GLOBE STAFF

Kelee Ringo is poised to be a star.

The 6-foot-2-inch, 207-pound muscular cornerback was a cornerstone of Georgia's secondary the last two seasons, laying the foundation for surefire success at the NFL level.

Ringo has the size, strength, and speed teams covet in one-on-one defenders. That exceptional blend of skills will give coaches the flexibility to match him up against pass catchers of all shapes and sizes.

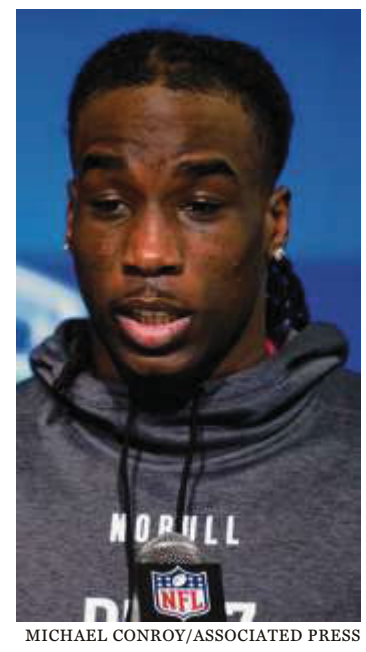
Ringo can play effective press coverage, jamming receivers on the perimeter, redirecting and pinning them on the outside to use the sideline to his advantage.

He also can play the speed game, flipping his hips fluidly and staying in fast receivers' pockets on deep routes. Ringo turns his head and effectively tracks the ball before leaping and either snatching or deflecting it away.

Ringo plays an aggressive style, and that can lead to some big plays and, by the same token, some big missteps; he was flagged for pass interference five times in 2022.

"I feel like, as a corner, you have to be a fearless-type person," Ringo said at the Scouting Combine. "I feel like it's high-risk/high-reward, of course. As a corner, going out there and knowing that you have to have the utmost confidence in yourself. If you take one wrong step, it could possibly be a touchdown. Just coming out there with that swagger and just believing in yourself and having the utmost confidence every single time you step out on that field."

A prep star in football and track, he was forced to sit his freshman year at Georgia because of shoulder surgery. He came back with a vengeance, however, playing in 30 games with 27 starts over the last two campaigns, both of which ended with the Bulldogs hoisting the FBS national championship trophy.



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At Georgia, Kelee Ringo was a cornerstone on defense for back-to-back championships.

Ringo amassed 76 tackles, 19 passes defensed, and 4 interceptions for Georgia. Of those picks, three came against Bryce Young, Will Levis, and Hendon Hooker, all of whom are expected to be plucked in the first round of this week's NFL Draft.

Additionally, Ringo, who has worked with former NFL standout corner Richard Sherman, excelled on special teams coverage units as a gunner and jammer.

The Patriots, who have a history of developing young cornerbacks, could use more depth at the position, and Ringo's versatility — he could possibly see time at safety — could be a nice fit.

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POSITION PREVIEW DEFENSIVE BACKS

A look at some of the top prospects available in this year's draft:
Christian Gonzalez, Oregon. Projected round: 1.
Tall, lanky, and rangy, the 6-foot-1-inch, 197-pound Gonzalez is a terrific one-one-one cover corner who didn't need much help over the top . . . Has speed to burn (ran a 4.38 40 at the Scouting Combine) and the strength to jam receivers (and gunners on punt coverage) . . . Will need to add a little bulk . . . Played 30 games (all starts) in three seasons, the first two with Colorado (18) before his breakout year with the Ducks . . . Collected 50 tackles with 11 passes defensed and 4 interceptions . . . Fun fact: His father Hector was a 6-9 basketball player at Texas-El Paso and competed professionally in his native Colombia.
Devon Witherspoon, Illinois. Projected round: 1.
Went from unrecruited (he didn't play football until his junior year in high school) to one of the top corners in the FBS . . . Started the last 29 games for the Illini, with 126 tackles, 30 passes defensed, and 5 picks . . . At 5-11, 181, he'll need more muscle, but that won't be a problem . . . Versatility is a plus, as he played perimeter and slot corner . . . Strong presnap reads; he isn't fooled often . . . Fun fact: Allowed just one pass of 20-plus yards in 2022.
Joey Porter Jr., Penn State. Projected round: 1.
Possesses exceptional size (6-2, 193) and strength for a corner . . . His father, Joey Sr., played 13 NFL seasons as a linebacker, and Patriots fans know him well from his Steeler and Dolphin days, when he was often Public Enemy No. 1 . . . Joey Jr. hits just like Pops . . . Played exclusively on the boundary in his 35 games with the Nittany Lions . . . Fun fact: Didn't give up a single touchdown in 2022 and allowed only 9 catches on 26 targets in man coverage.
Brian Branch, Alabama. Projected round: 1.
The top-ranked safety in a comparatively weak class, the 6-0, 190-pounder offers excellent versatility to play free or strong safety and nickel back . . . Posted 90 tackles, including 19.5 for a loss, and 2 picks in 2022 . . . Has outstanding instincts and was rarely (if ever) caught flat-footed . . . To play his aggressive style at the NFL level, he'll need to add some muscle; he will . . . Disguises blitzes well (had 4 sacks) . . . Fun fact: Had two career punt returns — a muff and a 68-yard TD.
Antonio Johnson, Texas A&M. Projected round: 2-3.
Similar to Branch, can play a variety of positions in the secondary . . . Possesses excellent athleticism and tackling technique. He'll lower the boom from either safety spot . . . Won't get caught up in the wash; Johnson sifts through traffic effectively and finds the ball . . . The 6-2, 198-pounder has the frame to add more size and strength . . . Fun fact: Collected 234 tackles and 1,531 receiving yards in high school.
Best of the rest: Deonte Banks (CB), Maryland; DJ Turner (CB), Michigan; Emmanuel Forbes (CB), Mississippi State; Jordan Battle (S), Alabama; Ji'Ayir Brown (S), Penn State; Quan Martin (S), Illinois.

JIM McBRIDE

Shaky Revolution top Hartford in US Open Cup

By Frank Dell'Apa
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Revolution 2
Hartford 1

FOXBOROUGH — The Revolution's US Open Cup match against Hartford Athletic might have been considered a warm-up for their next MLS date, a first-place showdown against FC Cincinnati Saturday. But the Revolution struggled to take a 2-1 victory over Hartford, defender Dave Romney converting the deciding goal off a Carles Gil cross in the 76th minute at Gillette Stadium Tuesday night.

The Revolution (7-1-2 in all competitions), advancing to the fourth round, scheduled May 9 or 10, survived a shaky first half and a choppy finish. Meanwhile, Hartford (1-4-2 overall), tied for 18th place overall in USL under the coaching of former US national team midfielder Tab Ramos, gave a poised performance.

Justin Rennicks opened the scoring for the Revolution, finishing near post on Damian Rivera's corner kick in the 13th minute. Rennicks glanced a header off goalkeeper Richard Sanchez's hands after a long pass from left back Ben Sweat to Rivera on the right wing set up the corner.

Former MLS forward Antoine Hoppenot equalized off a Prince Saydee cross in the 53rd minute, converting at the back post off a breakaway as Saydee raced past Christian Makoun and Sweat on the right wing.

The Revolution added Gil, Emmanuel Boateng, and starting defenders Brandon Bye and Romney after the 70th minute. And the changes soon paid off, as Romney finished point-blank off a Gil cross from the right side of the penalty area.

In the first half, the Revolution nearly fell behind, as Saydee hit the crossbar (seventh minute). Hartford had a chance to even the score as an attempted Makoun clearance bounced off Omar Gonzalez and hit the left post (39th).

The Revolution improved to 4-0-0 in US Open Cup games at Gillette and 10-1-0 in US Open Cup games in Foxborough since 2000.

Observations from Tuesday's game:

■ Defining moment: On the deciding goal, Gil froze the defense with a couple feints in the penalty area near the end line, then lofted a cross for Romney. Gil's tight control induces defenders to close down quickly or commit fouls; but they must give him extra room one-on-one in the penalty area, and he needs very little space to make a decisive play.

■ Difference-maker: Romney picked out Gil to start the sequence on the Revolution's second goal, timing his run to inside the penalty spot finish what turned out to be a long distance give-and-go. Romney also solidified the back line, pairing with Gonzalez, allowing Makoun to move to the left wing.

■ Tactical: The Revolution's 4-5-1 alignment opened the way for wingers Dylan Borrero and Rivera, but neither consistently threatened. The Revolution closed things out in a 3-5-2 setup as another starting defender, Andrew Farrell, entered as a midfielder in the 86th minute. But the Revolution had difficulty maintaining possession and playing patiently, flaws also apparent in the second half of a 2-1 victory over Sporting Kansas City last Saturday.

■ Statistical analysis: Hartford committed six fouls and was issued three cautions by referee Jeremy Scheer. The Revolution committed 13 fouls and Gil earned a yellow card in the late going after being called for his first foul of the year.

■ Road ahead: The Revolution will take a seven-game all-competitions unbeaten streak into Saturday's game against FC Cincinnati (6-1-2, 20 points), while meeting Louisville City in a US Open Cup match Wednesday.

■ What they said: Revolution sporting director/head coach Bruce Arena: "I would not have played Carles Gil tonight if we didn't need a goal. But once the game was even – as the game went on, obviously, we knew we were going to bring Carlos in. Actually, he was the last one to warm up, because we weren't going to use him if we didn't have to tonight."

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

BRUINS NOTEBOOK

Bergeron (full practice) near return

By Conor Ryan
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As the Bruins took the ice at FLA Live Arena over the weekend, **Patrice Bergeron** was nearly 1,500 miles away. Like the majority of the hockey-watching populace, Bergeron took in Games 3 and 4 of Boston's first-round series against the Panthers through a television screen.

His usual barks of reassurance and on-ice instructions were replaced by texts to Bruins assistant coach **Chris Kelly** as his teammates scrapped down in South Florida.

And although the Bruins returned to Boston with two road wins, watching from afar was an unenviable situation for the 37-year-old Bergeron, who has been recovering from a nagging upper-body injury.

"It was definitely different," Bergeron said Tuesday morning at Warrior Ice Arena. "Felt like it was a little bit more nerve-racking than when you're on the ice or the bench. You feel like you can actually do something about it."

Bergeron might get his chance Wednesday night, as the Bruins captain is inching closer to a return.

Bergeron took part in a full team practice Tuesday morning, his first on-ice skate with the rest of the roster since April 13.

Barring any setback Wednesday morning, the top-line pivot will likely make his playoff debut at TD Garden that night.

"Today is a good day and we'll see you tomorrow, how I feel," Bergeron said. "I'm not anticipating any setbacks. So far, so good."

It's been an arduous stretch for Bergeron, who landed on the shelf after exiting Boston's regular-season finale in Montreal for precautionary reasons. Asked if his current physical issue is something that will need to be monitored throughout this playoff push, Bergeron stressed that he is "taking it day by day."

Boston's center corps has been bolstered by strong top-six contributions from **Charlie Coyle** and **Pavel Zacha**. But Bergeron's two-way acumen and on-ice presence would further lift a team looking to close out a physical series against the Panthers.

"You want to be out there with the boys and battle and compete," Bergeron said.

"You go through a full season and you work hard to get to this point. Obviously you want to be out there, it is frustrating. But that being said, now we're here and the boys did a great job."

Bruins vs. Panthers

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Monday, April 17
At Boston 3.....Florida 1
Wednesday, April 19
Florida 6.....at Boston 3
Friday, April 21
Boston 4.....at Florida 2
Sunday, April 23
Boston 6.....at Florida 2
Schedule
Wednesday at Boston.....7 p.m. (ESPN, NESN)
*Friday at Florida.....TBA
*Sunday at Boston.....TBA

* If necessary

Krejci will miss third game

David Krejci skated on his own for 20 minutes ahead of Tuesday's practice.

Montgomery said the second-line center is "progressing well" from an upper-body injury, but he will not be available for Game 5.

Montgomery did add that Krejci — set to miss his third straight game — potentially could play in a Game 6, if necessary, on Friday

Forward lines in flux

If Bergeron is cleared for Game 5, he may not have his usual linemate stapled to his left.

During Tuesday's practice, coach **Jim Montgomery** split up Bergeron and **Brad Marchand.** Bergeron skated between **Tyler Bertuzzi** and **David Pastrnak**, while Marchand joined a forward grouping with Coyle and **Nick Foligno**.

Following practice, Montgomery noted that those lines are not set as precursor for what he will roll out in Game 5.

"It's just for me to look at lines to see," said the coach. "I know what Marchy and Bergy look like.

"I don't know if [those are] going to be our lines tomorrow.

"The tough part, I said to Marchy, would be if I say Bergeron's line's up, we're going to get too many men if you're not on his line."

Bergeron and Marchand skated together for 724:34 of five-on-five time during the regular season, with the Bruins outscoring opponents, 37-16, during that action.

Backing for Ullmark

Linus Ullmark received plenty of texts and calls following his dust-up with **Matthew Tkachuk** Sunday night. "A lot of surprising comments," he said. "My mom was basically the first one to respond and ask what happened. She hasn't seen me like that. My brother as well. But mostly positive things." . . . If Bergeron returns Wednesday, the Bruins will need to slot a forward out of their bottom-six unit. **Trent Frederic** was the odd man out during Tuesday's practice, with Foligno and **Jakub Lauko** skating on the second and fourth lines, respectively . . . After missing Game 4, both **Aaron Ekblad** and **Anthony Duclair** will be cleared to play Wednesday, per Panthers coach **Paul Maurice**. However, **Sam Bennett** and **Ryan Lomberg** did not skate during Florida's practice at FLA Live Arena on Tuesday. "One will be in for sure and one will be a game-time decision," Maurice said.

NHL NOTEBOOK

Islanders tip Hurricanes

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Brock Nelson scored by knocking in an airborne puck that had bounced off the face of Carolina's **Sebastian Aho**, and the New York Islanders added two goals that came off turnovers, beating the Hurricanes, 3-2, on Tuesday night and extending their first-round playoff series.

The Islanders trailed, 3-1, in the best-of-seven series, but staved off elimination by scoring the game's first two goals and never trailing while playing in front of a rowdy Carolina crowd eager to see the Hurricanes become the first team to advance to this year's second round.

Nelson's goal stood out. He swung at the puck after it had struck Aho near the mouth and was falling to the ice, batting it past **Antti Raanta** near the post early in the second period for a wild score.

Pierre Engvall scored midway through the first period after getting a 1-on-1 shot at Raanta off Carolina's failed clear, while **Mathew Barzal** took a turnover by **Martin Necas** the other way to beat Raanta late in the second for the 3-1 lead.

Ilya Sorokin weathered a strong first period from Carolina to finish with 34 saves as New York sent the series back to UBS Arena for Friday's Game 6.

Aho — who exited to the locker room briefly after Nelson's goal — and **Paul Stastny** scored for the Hurricanes, who were coming off a 5-2 win that ended an eight-game postseason road losing streak dating to 2021.

Aho's score off a behind-the-net feed from **Seth Jarvis** cut the deficit to 3-2 midway through the third period.

But the Hurricanes came up short on a night that included the Islanders successfully challenging a first-period put-away on **Stefan Noesen's** one-timer for coming on an uncalled offsides as Carolina pushed into the zone.

Raanta finished with 19 saves, while Aho and defenseman **Brent Burns** both pinged the post on a frustrating night for the Hurricanes. And now, they'll have to win on the road again to avoid a Game 7 at home Sunday.

Stars power by Wild

Tyler Seguin and **Jason Robertson** each had a power-play goal and an assist, **Roope Hintz** had three assists for the second straight game and the Stars blanked the Wild, 4-0, at Dallas to take a 3-2 first-round series lead.

Mason Marchment scored early in the second period and **Ty Dellandrea** added an empty-netter with 3:57 left for Dallas. **Jake Oettinger** had 27 saves in his second career playoff shutout.

Seguin's fourth power-play goal of the series came only 2:22 into the game, eight seconds after Wild forward **Marcus Foligno's** five-minute major penalty and game misconduct for a knee-on-knee hit on **Radek Faksa**.

The Stars will try to close out the first-round playoff series Friday night in Game 6 at Minnesota. The seventh game, if needed, would be Sunday in Dallas.

NHL suspends Makar

Avalanche star defenseman **Cale Makar** was suspended one game by the NHL for his hit on Seattle's **Jared McCann** early in a Game 4 loss to the Kraken.

Makar, last year's Conn Smythe Trophy winner as playoff MVP, will be a spectator for Game 5 on Wednesday night with the series tied 2-2. The NHL's Department of Player Safety announced the suspension after a hearing with Makar.

"Disappointing, but I really don't have any thoughts on it besides that," Colorado coach **Jared Bednar** said after the team arrived in Denver.

Seattle coach **Dave Hakstol** said after the Kraken's 3-2 overtime win Monday that McCann would miss Game 5 and likely be out longer. He did not specify McCann's injury.

Hakstol said Tuesday after the Kraken arrived in Denver that his team wouldn't be wrapped up in debate around Makar's suspension.

"The feel that I get from our players is they're not going to be concerned about the suspension — yes or no, or the length of it — they have a concern for their teammate who's gone through pretty tough night and going through some tough time today as he comes through this," Hakstol said. "Their focus is on Game 5 tomorrow night, so that simplifies it."

In a video announcing the suspension, the league called it an improper "body check to a vulnerable player.

"Makar finishes this hit well outside the allowable window to finish a check," the league said. "In addition, it is clear that Makar knows McCann is not in possession of the puck when he decides to deliver this hit."

MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

Patrice Bergeron (37) has not played since April 13, the regular-season finale at Montreal.

Bruins anticipate best push by the Panthers

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from them as well. They're on the brink of elimination, and we're just trying to close it out here at the Garden."

Working without No. 1 center and captain Patrice Bergeron — who was hopeful, though not confirmed, for a Wednesday series debut — the Bruins have solved their issues throughout. Their offense wasn't highly productive in the first two games, mostly taking advantage of some leaky goaltending, but they went to South Florida and scored 10 goals in two games.

Their usual discipline with the puck was not present to start the series — both Montgomery and general manager Don Sweeney referred to the 15 giveaways in Game 2 as "catastrophic" — but it markedly improved on the road.

The Bruins' NHL-record 65-12-5 regular season included one of the best home records of all time (34-4-3), but as they said all along, playoffs are a different animal. Sweeney pointed to the "rabid" volume and passion that home crowds shower on the teams in front of them.

"You can get caught up in that excitement," he said, "but sometimes you use it to your advantage."

The Bruins know how to get the Causeway crowd behind them. They have done it all year, with a league-record home winning streak (14 games) to start, milestone celebrations (David Krejci's 1,000th game, Patrice Bergeron's 1,000th point) before some games, and playing a high-tempo, high-skill style that put them at the top of the record books.

"I think now it's getting to our game right away," veteran forward Nick Foligno said. "If you look at the Florida games, we had a couple instances where they pushed but we didn't break.

So now it's like, 'Let's push back, and get to our game right away and put them at bay.'

"We're working on having that complete start-to-finish mentality. They came out really strong [in Game 4] and we did a hell of a job weathering it. That's part of playoffs. You're not going to get the jump every game.

"We know we're going to get their best, and we're going to give our best this next game. That's the challenge now — finding a way to get this job done."

His team on the brink, Florida coach Paul Maurice reflected on the nature of comebacks. Hockey, he mused, isn't a "skill-dominant sport," compared with his casual viewings of other sports, where dominant baseball pitchers and football quarterbacks and basketball scorers can take over games from start to finish.

While a series-stealing performance from a netminder can happen — it is generally accepted that a hot goalie can end an opponent's playoff run — Maurice made the case for roster depth being the most important factor.

"It's the one full-contact sport that's played 82 times a year, and in playoffs," Maurice said. "Skill, while important, can take a secondary position to what happens ... When the fourth lines are on the ice, while it's not as much time, it's just as important as when the first lines are on the ice."

The Bruins, however, do have more depth, with more skill and physicality up and down the lineup. Their goaltending has been vastly better. While Maurice spoke about the "certain freedom and focus that comes with elimination games" that will help his team relax Wednesday, the Bruins do not believe they are at risk of this series slipping away.

"The benefit of what we've done all year is we've been in moments to clinch, and hopefully it's prepared us well," Montgomery said.

"We think it has, because we talk about staying in the moment and really just digging into our process. That creates the habits and details that we think give us good results."

They haven't done that well at home in this series, Montgomery acknowledged. But he feels that his team is back on schedule.

"It's a 7 o'clock start tomorrow, I saw," he said. "That's our regular home start."

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Results, schedules

Eastern Conference

CAROLINA VS. NY ISLANDERS
Hurricanes lead series, 3-2
Monday, April 17
At Carolina 2.....NY Islanders 1
Wednesday, April 19
At Carolina 4.....NY Islanders 3 (OT)
Friday, April 21
At NY Islanders 5.....Carolina 1
Sunday, April 23
Carolina 5.....at NY Islanders 2
Tuesday, April 25
NY Islanders 3.....at Carolina 2
Schedule
Friday at NY Islanders.....TBA
*Sunday at Carolina.....TBA

TORONTO VS. TAMPA BAY
Maple Leafs lead series, 3-1
Tuesday, April 18
Tampa Bay 7.....at Toronto 3
Thursday, April 20
At Toronto 7.....Tampa Bay 2
Saturday, April 22
Toronto 4.....at Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
Monday, April 24
Toronto 5.....at Tampa Bay 4 (OT)
Schedule
Thursday at Toronto.....7
*Saturday at Tampa Bay.....TBA
*Monday at Toronto.....TBA

NEW JERSEY VS. NY RANGERS
Series tied at 2
Tuesday, April 18
NY Rangers 5.....at New Jersey 1
Thursday, April 20
NY Rangers 5.....at New Jersey 1
Saturday, April 22
New Jersey 2.....at NY Rangers 1 (OT)
Monday, April 24
New Jersey 3.....at NY Rangers 1
Schedule
Thursday, at New Jersey.....7:30
Saturday at NY Rangers.....TBA
*Monday at New Jersey.....TBA

Western Conference

EDMONTON VS. LOS ANGELES
Oilers lead series, 3-2
Monday, April 17
Los Angeles 4.....at Edmonton 3 (OT)
Wednesday, April 19
At Edmonton 4.....Los Angeles 2
Friday, April 21
At Los Angeles 3.....Edmonton 2 (OT)
Sunday, April 23
Edmonton 5.....at Los Angeles 4 (OT)
Tuesday, April 25
At Edmonton 6.....Los Angeles 3
Schedule
Saturday at Los Angeles.....TBA
*Monday at Edmonton.....TBA

COLORADO VS. SEATTLE
Series tied at 2
Tuesday, April 18
Seattle 3.....at Colorado 1
Thursday, April 20
At Colorado 3.....Seattle 2
Saturday, April 22
Colorado 6.....at Seattle 4
Monday, April 24
At Seattle 3.....Colorado 2 (OT)
Schedule
Wednesday at Colorado.....9:30
Friday at Seattle.....TBA
*Sunday at Colorado.....TBA

DALLAS VS. MINNESOTA
Stars lead series, 3-2
Monday, April 17
Minnesota 3.....at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Wednesday, April 19
At Dallas 7.....Minnesota 3
Friday, April 21
At Minnesota 5.....Dallas 1
Sunday, April 23
Dallas 3.....at Minnesota 2
Tuesday, April 25
At Dallas 4.....Wild 0
Schedule
Friday at Minnesota.....TBA
*Sunday at Dallas.....TBA

VEGAS VS. WINNIPEG
Golden Knights lead series, 3-1
Tuesday, April 18
Winnipeg 5.....at Vegas 1
Thursday, April 20
At Vegas 5.....Winnipeg 2
Saturday, April 22
Vegas 5.....at Winnipeg 4 (2OT)
Monday, April 24
Vegas 4.....at Winnipeg 2
Schedule
Thursday at Vegas.....10
*Saturday at Winnipeg.....TBA
*Monday at Vegas.....TBA

* If necessary

DEVILS 3, RANGERS 1
Monday night game

New Jersey	1	0	2	—	3
NY Rangers	0	0	1	—	1

First period — 1. New Jersey, JaHughes 3 (Siegenthaler), 2:50. Penalties — Hamilton, NJ (high stick), 14:17. Meier, NJ (delay of game), 16:56. Tarasenko, NYR (tripping), 18:10.
Second period — None. Penalties — Trouba, NYR (interference), 4:20. Lazar, NJ (holding), 10:39.
Third period — 2. NY Rangers, Trocheck 1 (Kreider, Kane), 1:42. 3. New Jersey, Siegenthaler 1 (Hischier, Hamilton), 8:22. 4. New Jersey, Palat 1 (JBratt, Haula), 19:34 (en). Penalties — None.
Shots on goal — New Jersey 8-8-7 — 23. NY Rangers 10-6-7 — 23.
Power plays — New Jersey 0-2; NY Rangers 0-3.
Goalies — New Jersey, Schmid 2-0-0 (23 shots-22 saves). NY Rangers, Shesterkin 2-2-0 (22 shots-20 saves).
Referees — Francis Charron, Jake Brenk.
A — 18,006 (18,200). T — 2:29.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, LIGHTNING 4
Monday night game

Toronto	0	1	3	1	— 5
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0	— 4

First period — 1. Tampa Bay, Killorn 1 (Kucherov, Hedman), 9:57 (pp). 2. Tampa Bay, Sergachev 1 (Kucherov, Point), 18:27. Penalties — Cirelli, TB (cross check), 6:58. Nylander, Tor (tripping), 9:24.
Second period — 3. Toronto, Acciari 2 (Holl, O'Reilly), 4:51. 4. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 1 (Hedman, Perbix), 11:31. 5. Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Hagel, Sergachev), 18:49. Penalties — Hedman, TB (roughing), 8:39. Tavares, Tor (high stick), 13:29. Brodie, Tor (roughing), 19:17. Sergachev, TB (roughing), 19:17. McCabe, Tor (cross check), 20:00.
Third period — 6. Toronto, Matthews 2 (Marner, Nylander), 9:44. 7. Toronto, Matthews 3 (Nylander, Giordano), 12:29 (pp). 8. Toronto, Rielly 2 (Marner, O'Reilly), 16:04. Penalties — Bogosian, TB (hooking), 11:16.
Overtime — 9. Toronto, Kerfoot 1 (Giordano, Nylander), 4:14 (pp). Penalties — Sergachev, TB (tripping), 2:28.
Shots on goal — Toronto 5-14-12-6 — 37. Tampa Bay 12-7-11-1 — 31.
Power plays — Toronto 2-4; Tampa Bay 1-3.
Goalies — Toronto, Samsonov 3-1-0 (31 shots-27 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 1-3-0 (37 shots-32 saves).
Referees — Chris Rooney, Graham Skilliter.
A — 19,092 (19,092). T — 2:56.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, JETS 2
Monday night game

Vegas	1	2	1	—	4
Winnipeg	1	0	1	—	2

First period — 1. Winnipeg, Wheeler 2 (Pionk, Niederreiter), 5:53 (pp). 2. Vegas, Howden 1 (Stephenson), 9:53. Penalties — Martinez, VGK (interference), 4:52.
Second period — 3. Vegas, Karlsson 3 (Marchessault, Theodore), 13:32. 4. Vegas, Barbashev 1 (Theodore, Stephenson), 14:19. Penalties — DeMelo, Wpg (tripping), 0:57. Dubois, Wpg (tripping), 11:30.
Third period — 5. Winnipeg, Dubois 2 (Wheeler, Pionk), 2:57 (pp). 6. Vegas, Howden 2 (Stone), 19:43 (en). Penalties — Amadio, VGK (holding), 2:47. DeMelo, Wpg (roughing), 8:20. Amadio, VGK (roughing), 8:20.
Shots on goal — Vegas 10-11-9 — 30. Winnipeg 8-8-10 — 26.
Power plays — Vegas 0-2; Winnipeg 2-2.
Goalies — Vegas, Brossoit 3-1-0 (26 shots-24 saves). Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 1-3-0 (29 shots-26 saves).
Referees — Jean Hebert, Kyle Rehman.
A — 15,324 (15,294). T — 2:31.

KRAKEN 3, AVALANCHE 2
Monday night game

Colorado	0	2	0	0	— 2
Seattle	2	0	0	1	— 3

First period — 1. Seattle, Borgen 1 (Larsson, Tanev), 3:56. 2. Seattle, Sprong 1 (Schultz), 10:09 (pp). Penalties — Nieto, Col (boarding), 1:12. Newhook, Col (high stick), 4:04. Gourde, Sea (roughing), 7:23. Makar, Col (interference), 8:24. Lehkonen, Col (roughing), 20:00. O'Connor, Col (roughing), 20:00. Dunn, Sea (roughing), 20:00.
Second period — 3. Colorado, Rantanen 4 (MacKinnon, Rodrigues), 14:08. 4. Colorado, Rantanen 5 (Girard, Compher), 19:10 (pp). Penalties — Borgen, Sea (holding), 17:13.
Third period — None. Penalties — Larsson, Sea (hi stick), 7:27.
Overtime — 5. Seattle, Eberle 1 (Schwartz, Sprong), 3:00 (pp). Penalties — Manson, Col (tripping), 1:59.
Shots on goal — Colorado 8-6-7-1 — 22. Seattle 18-12-9-4 — 43.
Power plays — Colorado 1-3; Seattle 2-5.
Goalies — Colorado, Georgiev 2-2-0 (43 shots-40 saves). Seattle, Grubauer 2-2-0 (22 shots-20 saves).
Referees — Eric Furlatt, Trevor Hanson.
A — 17,151 (17,100). T — 2:59.

Baseball

They depend on depth up the middle

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BALTIMORE — When did the middle of the field turn into the Red Sox' Bermuda Triangle?

Yu Chang — who'd unexpectedly emerged as the team's regular shortstop in the last week — suffered a broken hamate bone in his left hand on Monday, and likely will undergo surgery on Thursday that will keep him sidelined until June. He will join fellow middle infielders Trevor Story and Adalberto Mondesí as well as outfielder Adam Duvall on the injured list.

Where does that leave the Sox?

"Me and [former big league infielder and current Sox bench coach Ramón Vázquez] are trying to lose weight, to get ready," manager Alex Cora joked prior to the Sox' 8-6 win over the Orioles.

The depth test hasn't quite gotten dire to the point of summoning quadragenarians from retirement, but certainly has assumed unexpected and almost absurd lengths less than four weeks into the season.

On one hand, the Sox have handled it fairly well to this point. The ability of Kiké Hernández to triangulate between short (where he opened the season, and where he returned on Tuesday), center (where he moved after Duvall's injury until Jarren Duran's callup), and second (where he played with Chang) has freed the Sox to mix and match with a variety of players.

The outrageous season-opening performance of Duvall, the surprising contributions of Chang before his injury (three homers in eight games), and the impressive multi-dimensional impact of Jarren Duran (.333/.375/.481 entering Tuesday against the Orioles) have allowed the Sox— to this point — to avoid the lineup collapse that occurred last season, when both Story and Christian Arroyo got hurt. The team hopes the pattern will hold in the wake of Chang's trip to the injured list.

"[This year's injuries have] been tough blows. But the organization has taken pride in finding depth at multiple positions, and I think we have personnel capable of filling in roles that are going to make us not lose that much in terms of production," said Hernández. "Obviously, Duvall was probably the hottest hitter in baseball at the time, but Jarren has come up and stepped in beautifully in that role. Yu Chang was playing great up to [Monday]. Arroyo got a couple of days off to get some body and mind breaks. I have a lot of faith that he is a well above-average baseball player. I think we're in good hands still."

Still, each injury to an up-the-middle player serves to pick at the scab of the tandem offseason events of Xander Bogaerts's departure in free agency and the need for Story to get his ulnar collateral ligament reattached to the bone. Yet even with Bogaerts off to an outstanding start in San Diego (.330/.417/.545), Red Sox players have declined to think wistfully of their former teammate against the backdrop of their rash of injuries.

"He's on another team," said Hernández. "What do you want me to do?"

The front office takes a similar view.

"Understanding everything emotionally that the organization goes through with some of those roads not taken and that our fans go through, I don't mean to minimize that at all," said chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom. "But I actually think a lot of what we've seen so far this season I think has been a credit to some of those players that we did bring in in the offseason and who have had chances.

"Obviously, some of them aren't able to be on the field right now, but that is part of the game. I think from day one of spring training, there's a lot of things to like about this group, but one of the best things about this group is that they have been worried about who's here and what they're trying to accomplish."

With Chang down, the Sox summoned second baseman Enmanuel Valdez from Triple-A Worcester to join the "Next Man Up" conga line. The lefthanded hitter is expected to get regular starts against righties. The team also could have called up David Hamilton — who is off to a .339/.397/.600 start with four homers for the WooSox — but preferred that the second baseman/shortstop further solidify offseason swing and approach changes while getting a foundation in Triple-A.

"It's good that we have really multiple players who we like and who we hope are going to be real parts of this thing for a while," Bloom said of the decision.

To date, the Sox have been able to endure their rash of injuries while continuing to put up impressive offensive numbers. That challenge will continue through May and likely into June.

But while it won't be soon, there will come a point where players start returning from the injured list. Story has already started throwing and will soon start swinging again. His rehab to date bodes well for a midseason return.

"Everything [in his recovery] has been by the book," said Bloom. "He feels great, looks great."

Duvall could start swinging by late-May. Mondesí — whose timetable to return has been slower than the Sox expected when they acquired him from the Royals in a trade — is slowly making progress in Fort Myers.

"We've known the whole year that the team is probably going to look a lot different come July," said Hernández. "Hopefully we'll get Trevor back by then and hopefully we get Duvall back. And I think with Trevor and Adam in the lineup, it's going to be a completely different lineup. I like our team. We play in a really tough division, but I think we have a really good baseball team."

The next six weeks will certainly test that proposition, along with the team's depth.

"That's part of the gig," said Bloom. "It's part of what it means to go through a baseball season."

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RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Cora's comments annoy the Orioles

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BALTIMORE — Orioles manager **Brandon Hyde** wasn't pleased with Red Sox manager **Alex Cora's** comments after **Chris Sale** was knocked around during Monday's 5-4 loss. Sale was shellacked for five runs in five innings, bringing the lefthander's ERA to 8.22.

The startling piece of Sale's forgettable start was that the Orioles swung and missed just twice, a career low for the lefthander. Cora found it startling, too, and indicated that Sale could have been tipping his pitches.

"I think command was off but at the same time we want to take a look at the at-bats," Cora said before the Sox' 8-6 win Tuesday. "Sliders down and in and they hit it. Fastballs up and away and they hit it. At one point there, there were no swings and misses on tough pitches so you have to give credit to them, I guess."

Cora then went into detail regarding **James McCann's** 10-pitch at-bat during the fourth inning that resulted in a game-tying RBI single.

"There was one at-bat there by McCann that it was like sliders down and in and he kept fouling off and then he got a fastball that was down," Cora said. "The location wasn't great and he hit a rocket the other way. So, I don't know. We've got to take a look at it and see if we find something. Got to give credit to them."

Hyde felt as if Cora wasn't giving his team enough credit.

"I'm not sure what he was getting at," Hyde said before Tuesday's game. "Obviously, pretty disappointed hearing that. Thought it was disrespectful to our hitters, to be honest with you. I thought we had a great game plan. I thought great Major League hitters take really good at-bats."

It was unclear if Hyde thought Cora felt as if the Orioles were stealing signs. Cora vehemently denied that claim, adding that he would not make that type of allegation given his involvement in the Astros' 2017 sign-stealing scandal.

"Red flag is about tipping," Cora said. "It's not about anything else. For me to accuse someone of doing something wrong, I'm the last guy to say that because I put myself in this situation in '17 so if he took it that way, I'll talk to him right now and let him know. But it's more about you having to check what's going on. You know, he's a big league pitcher throwing 97 with a great slider, good changeup, with two swings [and misses]."

Cora said they didn't find that Sale was tipping, however, the team did notice that Sale has lacked his usual athleticism on the mound.

"I think there's some things mechanically that we tried that took him away from that and he hasn't pitched in a while," Cora said. "But at the same time, we have to do the things that make him an athlete. That's the thing that Chris has done throughout his career."

Chang on the shelf

Yu Chang was placed on the injured list with a hamate bone fracture in his left hand. Infielder **Enmanuel Valdez** was recalled from Triple A Worcester.

Chang will undergo further testing, however, it's likely he will undergo surgery in Boston on Thursday.

The Sox shortstop injured his hand during the seventh inning of a 5-4 Sox loss when he swung through a 1-and-1 pitch. Chang immediately winced and looked at his hand, clearly in pain.

Chang estimated that the injury will keep him sidelined for six weeks. Even though Chang was hitting just .136 in 47 plate appearances, but added some defensive stability at shortstop with two defensive runs saved in 91 innings at shortstop.

Kiké Hernández played shortstop Tuesday.

Christian Arroyo (right hamstring tightness) was removed from Tuesday's game for precautionary reasons, the team said. The expectation is that he will be ready to go Wednesday.

James Paxton had another rough rehab outing for the WooSox, going 4 ⅔ innings and allowing five runs (all earned).

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Corey Kluber allowed five hits in six innings and won his first game of the season.

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Jarren Duran connected with Triston Casas after Duran's grand slam in the third inning gave the Red Sox a 7-0 lead.

Duran's grand slam the difference, Sox survive

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for what amounted to just a game he called his 2022 season "redemption."

That didn't happen. Parts of the fan base had given up on Duran, who became an afterthought before the injury to Trevor Story forced Kiké Hernández into the infield mix.

But Duran has made the most of his opportunities this year. That continued Tuesday evening at Camden Yards.

With the Sox leading the Orioles, 3-0, in the top of the third inning and the bases loaded, Duran scalded a grand slam to straightaway center off Orioles starter Kyle Bradish. It seemingly put an early cap on an eventual 8-6 Red Sox win. For Duran, it was the first grand slam of his career, on a 3-for-4 night including a double and four RBIs.

"It felt good," Duran said. "I didn't really think it was going out. I thought it was really low. So I was just trying to get on [third base] or at least on second. I think [it was just about] putting a good swing on it and I just so happened to connect really well with it and it happened to go. I just got lucky there."

Luck, though, hasn't been a part of Duran's early season success that has him sitting at .387/.417/.645 with a 1.062 OPS and a homer in nine games. Preparation, and changes in mind-set did.

Before Duran left for the World Baseball Classic in March, Cora said Duran was in a much better place. They saw his game revamped, from the setup of his hands at the plate to his confidence on the field. Duran was rounding into the ballplayer the team had thought arrived two years ago.

"He's been working on being consistent," Cora said. "I think that's the most important thing and the difference between now and previous years. He wasn't even hitting in Triple A. He didn't have good numbers but he stayed with the approach."

All his hits were hard: a line drive double (99.4 mile-per-hour velocity) in the second, the grand slam in the third (107.8), and a single in the eighth (106.7).

Corey Kluber had a bounce-back start, going six innings and yielding just a run on a solo shot by Jorge Mateo. Kluber's last outing against the Twins was his worst of the year with the Twins touching him for seven runs in just five innings.

Kluber, who makes his living surviving on the edges, struggled to fill up the zone in his previous four starts leading into Tuesday with just a 63.2 percent strike rate. Excluding the 2020 season, when Kluber tossed just an inning, his strike rate this year was the lowest it had been since his rookie season in 2012.

Kluber talked about changing his sights, focusing on starting pitches at a particular area so they would end up resulting in strikes in the zone. After walking two and hitting a pair during his last outing, Kluber didn't do either in his Tuesday appearance.

"That's something we worked on in between starts and felt better about, where I was putting pitches tonight, than I had in the previous few," Kluber said.

The Orioles loaded the bases after second baseman Enmanuel Valdez mishandled a throw from Kaleb Ort on a comebacker.

Cedric Mullins then belted a grand slam, making it a two-run game which forced Cora to go to his closer, Kenley Jansen, for the final two outs of the game.

Yet the insurance runs, delivered by Duran, saved the Sox, who will have a chance at their fourth straight series win Wednesday afternoon.

"We're just happy that he's performing at this level," Cora said.

Maybe it's redemption after all, just delayed.

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Red Sox 8, Orioles 6

At Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Verdugo rf	5	0	1	0	0	3	.313
Devers 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0	.247
Turner dh	4	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Yoshida lf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.278
Hernández ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.220
Casas 1b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.145
Duran cf	4	3	3	4	0	0	.387
Arroyo 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.196
Valdez 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.600
McGuire c	3	0	1	2	1	0	.359
Totals	**35**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**5**	**5**	

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Mullins cf	5	1	1	4	0	2	.256
Rutschman c	5	0	1	0	0	0	.284
Santander dh	5	0	1	0	0	1	.213
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.237
Henderson 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.203
Urías 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.246
Frazier rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Hays lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.301
Vavra lf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.240
Mateo ss	4	2	1	1	0	1	.351
Totals	**39**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**0**	**4**	

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E—Valdez (2). **LOB**—Boston 6, Baltimore 6. **2B**—Duran (5). **HR**—Duran (1), off Bradish, Mullins (3), off Ort, Henderson (2), off Ort, Mateo (4), off Kluber. **SF**—Devers. **Runners left in scoring position**—Boston 4 (Verdugo, Turner 2, Yoshida), Baltimore 1 (Urías). **RISP**—Boston 5 for 9, Baltimore 1 for 3. **DP**—Baltimore 2.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kluber W 1-4	6	5	1	1	0	3	80	6.75
Winckowski	2	2	0	0	0	1	27	1.47
Ort	⅓	4	5	4	0	0	17	7.30
Jansen S 6	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	11	0.00

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradish L 1-1	2⅓	8	7	7	4	1	81	6.30
Baumann	2⅔	1	0	0	0	2	32	0.64
Voth	3	2	1	1	0	2	44	6.39
Pérez	1	0	0	0	1	0	14	4.66

Inherited runners-scored—Baumann 1-0. **Umpires**—Home, Adrian Johnson; First, Manny Gonzalez; Second, Quinn Wolcott; Third, Junior Valentine. **T**—2:44. **A**—14,343 (45,971).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

SECOND INNING

RED SOX — Hernández grounded out to short. Casas walked. Duran doubled to right, Casas to third. Arroyo singled to right, Casas scored, Duran to third. McGuire singled to left, Duran scored, Arroyo to second. Verdugo singled to right, Arroyo to third, McGuire to second. Devers hit a sacrifice fly to center, Arroyo scored, McGuire to third. Verdugo to second. Turner grounded out to pitcher.

THIRD INNING

RED SOX — Yoshida singled to left. Hernández singled to left, Yoshida to second. Casas singled to right, Yoshida to third, Hernández to second. Duran homered to center, Yoshida, Hernández, and Casas scored. Arroyo grounded out to third. McGuire walked. Baumann pitching. Verdugo struck out. Devers grounded out to first unassisted.

FIFTH INNING

ORIOLES — Frazier flied out to center. Vavra grounded out to first unassisted. Mateo homered to center. Mullins flied out to center.

EIGHTH INNING

RED SOX — Casas flied out to center. Duran singled to center. Valdez singled to right, Duran to third. McGuire grounded out to first unassisted, Duran scored, Valdez to second. Verdugo struck out.

NINTH INNING

ORIOLES — Henderson homered to center. Urías singled to left. Frazier flied out to left. Vavra singled to right, Urías to second. Mateo safe at first on fielder's choice plus fielding error by second baseman, Urías to third, Vavra to second. Mullins homered to right, Urías, Vavra, and Mateo scored. Jansen pitching. Rutschman grounded out to short. Santander lined out to right.

Baseball

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Tampa Bay	20	4	.833	—	5-2	7-3	L 1
Baltimore	15	8	.652	4½	3-5	8-2	L 1
Toronto	15	9	.625	5	4-2	6-4	W 3
New York	13	11	.542	7	3-3	5-5	L 3
Boston	13	12	.520	7½	3-6	6-4	W 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Minnesota	14	10	.583	—	5-1	4-6	W 3
Cleveland	11	13	.458	3	1-2	3-7	L 2
Detroit	9	13	.409	4	2-1	6-4	W 2
Chicago	7	17	.292	7	1-2	2-8	L 6
*Kansas City	5	18	.217	8½	0-3	1-9	L 2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Texas	14	9	.609	—	4-2	6-4	L 2
Houston	13	11	.542	1½	1-2	7-3	W 1
*Los Angeles	11	12	.478	3	4-3	4-6	L 1
Seattle	11	12	.478	3	1-2	6-4	W 1
*Oakland	5	18	.217	9	3-4	2-8	W 1

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	16	8	.667	—	4-1	6-4	W 2
New York	14	10	.583	2	5-3	6-4	L 3
Miami	12	12	.500	4	4-8	5-5	L 3
Philadelphia	11	13	.458	5	1-2	6-4	L 1
Washington	8	14	.364	7	2-2	4-6	W 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Pittsburgh	16	8	.667	—	7-4	8-2	L 1
Milwaukee	15	9	.625	1	4-2	5-5	L 3
Chicago	13	9	.591	2	2-3	6-4	W 1
*St. Louis	9	14	.391	6½	3-4	4-6	L 1
Cincinnati	9	15	.375	7	3-6	3-7	W 2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
*Arizona	13	11	.542	—	7-7	5-5	W 1
Los Angeles	13	11	.542	—	7-6	6-4	W 3
San Diego	12	13	.480	1½	6-4	5-5	L 1
*San Francisco	9	13	.409	3	1-2	4-6	W 3
Colorado	8	17	.320	5½	2-4	3-7	W 2

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

TUESDAY

Boston 8	at Baltimore 6	At Atlanta 7	Miami 4
Colorado 5	at Cleveland 1	Detroit 4	at Milwaukee 3
LA Dodgers 8	at Pittsburgh 7	At Minnesota 6	NY Yankees 2
Houston 5	at Tampa Bay 0	At Chi. Cubs 6	San Diego 0
Seattle 5	at Philadelphia 3	Oakland	at LA Angels
At Cincinnati 7	Texas 6	Kansas City	at Arizona
At Toronto 7	Chi. White Sox 0	St. Louis	at San Francisco
Washington 5	at NY Mets 0		

MONDAY

At Baltimore 5	Boston 4	Detroit 4	at Milwaukee 2
Colorado 6	at Cleveland 0	At Minnesota 6	NY Yankees 1
At Tampa Bay 8	Houston 3	Oakland 11 (10 inn.)	at LA Angels 10
At Cincinnati 7	Texas 6	At Arizona 5	Kansas City 4
At Toronto 5	Chi. White Sox 2	At San Francisco 4	St. Louis 0
At Atlanta 11	Miami 0		

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2023 W-L	2023 ERA	Team rec.	2022 vs. opp W-L	2022 vs. opp IP	2022 vs. opp ERA
BOSTON AT BALTIMORE, 1:05 p.m.							
Houck (R)	Off	3-0	4.29	4-0	1-0	5.0	0.00
Wells (R)	Off	0-1	2.70	2-1	1-0	6.0	0.00
TEXAS AT CINCINNATI, 12:35 p.m.							
Gray (R)	-135	1-1	3.72	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00
Ashcraft (R)	+115	2-0	1.88	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
CHICAGO WHITE SOX AT TORONTO, 1:07 p.m.							
Kopech (R)	+155	0-2	6.97	1-3	0-1	3.0	15.00
Kikuchi (L)	-185	3-0	3.80	4-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
COLORADO AT CLEVELAND, 1:10 p.m.							
Márquez (R)	Off	2-1	4.41	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Bibee (R)	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
NY YANKEES AT MINNESOTA, 1:10 p.m.							
Germán (R)	+110	1-2	4.50	1-3	0-0	6.0	4.50
Maeda (R)	-130	0-3	4.15	0-3	0-0	0.0	0.00
DETROIT AT MILWAUKEE, 1:40 p.m.							
Lorenzen (R)	+180	0-0	6.00	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Peralta (R)	-220	2-2	3.97	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
KANSAS CITY AT ARIZONA, 3:40 p.m.							
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Gallen (R)	Off	3-1	2.59	4-1	0-0	11.1	4.76
LA DODGERS AT PITTSBURGH, 6:35 p.m.							
Gonsolin (R)	-125	—	—	0-0	1-0	5.0	0.00
Contreras (R)	+105	2-1	4.57	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
HOUSTON AT TAMPA BAY, 6:40 p.m.							
Brown (R)	Off	2-0	3.09	3-1	0-0	4.0	0.00
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
SEATTLE AT PHILADELPHIA, 6:40 p.m.							
Gilbert (R)	Off	1-1	3.57	2-2	0-1	5.0	7.20
Walker (R)	Off	2-1	3.80	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
WASHINGTON AT NY METS, 7:10 p.m.							
Gore (L)	+175	2-1	3.43	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
Senga (R)	-210	3-0	4.29	4-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
MIAMI AT ATLANTA, 7:20 p.m.							
Alcantara (R)	+130	1-2	5.47	1-3	2-1	22.0	2.86
Elder (R)	-150	2-0	1.14	3-1	0-2	22.2	2.78
SAN DIEGO AT CHICAGO CUBS, 7:40 p.m.							
Wacha (R)	Off	2-1	7.08	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
Smyly (L)	Off	2-1	3.13	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00
OAKLAND AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.							
Medina (R)	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Sandoval (L)	Off	1-1	3.38	1-3	2-0	25.0	1.80
ST. LOUIS AT SAN FRANCISCO, 9:45 p.m.							
Matz (L)	-115	0-3	6.55	0-4	0-1	2.0	36.00
DeSclafani (R)	-105	1-1	2.63	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season.

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Through Monday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Chapman, Tor	83	14	30	.361
Arozarena, TB	85	18	30	.353
Guerrero Jr., Tor	90	17	30	.333
Bichette, Tor	98	13	32	.327
Dubón, Hou	80	17	26	.325
Verdugo, Bos	94	19	30	.319
Kelenic, Sea	69	10	22	.319
Franco, TB	88	13	28	.318
Trout, LAA	82	16	26	.317
Díaz, TB	80	19	25	.313
Hays, Bal	82	16	25	.305
Rizzo, NYY	80	11	24	.300
LeMahieu, NYY	67	12	20	.299
Benintendi, CWS	81	13	24	.296
Tucker, Hou	78	9	23	.295
Semien, Tex	89	21	26	.292
Pasquantino, KC	79	11	23	.291
France, Sea	86	17	25	.291
Rutschman, Bal	83	11	24	.289
Turner, Bos	88	13	25	.284

HOME RUNS

Devers, Bos	9
García, Tex	7
Kelenic, Sea	6
Alvarez, Hou	6
Rooker, Oak	6
Mountcastle, Bal	6
Lowe, TB	6
Díaz, TB	6
Judge, NYY	6
Gallo, Min	6
Renfroe, LAA	6

RUNS BATTED IN

García, Tex	28
Alvarez, Hou	27
Arozarena, TB	24
Devers, Bos	23
Semien, Tex	21
Mountcastle, Bal	20
Chapman, Tor	18
Renfroe, LAA	18
Tucker, Hou	18

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Chapman, Tor	.430
Trout, LAA	.423
Arozarena, TB	.418
Rutschman, Bal	.416
Guerrero Jr., Tor	.413
Tucker, Hou	.412
Díaz, TB	.404
Rizzo, NYY	.394

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Through Monday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Arraez, Mia	72	8	32	.444
Marsh, Phi	66	14	24	.364
Acuña Jr., Atl	95	20	34	.358
Hoerner, ChC	93	20	33	.355
Nimmo, NYM	80	14	28	.350
Stott, Phi	97	7	33	.340
Bogaerts, SD	88	17	29	.330
Díaz, Col	70	8	23	.329
Contreras, Mil	65	5	21	.323
Estrada, SF	83	17	26	.313
Friedl, Cin	80	8	25	.313
Outman, LAD	74	14	23	.311
Gorman, StL	71	7	22	.310
Castellanos, Phi	88	19	27	.307
Happ, ChC	75	12	23	.307
Davis, SF	69	8	21	.304
Bohm, Phi	86	10	26	.302
Bellinger, ChC	80	18	24	.300
Swanson, ChC	77	16	23	.299
Bryant, Col	84	11	25	.298

HOME RUNS

Muncy, LAD	11
Alonso, NYM	10
Wisdom, ChC	9
Tellez, Mil	7
Outman, LAD	7
Olson, Atl	6
Gorman, StL	6
Murphy, Atl	6

RUNS BATTED IN

Alonso, NYM	23
Gorman, StL	22
Albies, Atl	21
Muncy, LAD	21
Olson, Atl	20
Outman, LAD	19
Lindor, NYM	18
Bohm, Phi	18
Wisdom, ChC	18
Anderson, Mil	18
Reynolds, Pit	18

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Arraez, Mia	.506
Nimmo, NYM	.455
Marsh, Phi	.455
Acuña Jr., Atl	.440
Wade Jr., SF	.429
Murphy, Atl	.427
McNeil, NYM	.418
Happ, ChC	.418
Bogaerts, SD	.417

NOTEBOOK

Reynolds, Pirates ink club record $106m deal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pittsburgh Pirates general manager **Ben Cherington** has spent more than four years methodically overhauling the organization from the bottom up, relentlessly stockpiling prospects through three straight last-place finishes in the NL Central and promising the club would have the financial resources to invest at the major-league level when the timing was right.

Cherington backed up his promise by giving outfielder **Bryan Reynolds** the largest contract in club history.

Three people with knowledge of the agreement told the Associated Press that it's an eight-year deal worth at least $106.75 million, the most lucrative in the history of the franchise. A formal announcement is expected Wednesday.

It marks a somewhat of a turnaround for the soft-spoken Reynolds, who quietly requested a trade in December. Cherington insisted the team was willing to do what it takes to keep Reynolds in the fold for the long term, and both sides made steady progress toward an agreement in recent weeks, with Reynolds talking multiple times with team owner Bob Nutting.

"Let's ride," Reynolds posted in typically brief fashion on Instagram shortly after he and the team agreed to terms on Tuesday.

The new contract includes a $2 million signing bonus, a club option for 2031 that could make the agreement worth $104.75 million over nine seasons and a limited six-team no-trade clause.

It's the latest bit of good news for the Pirates, who are off to a 16-7 start heading into a three-game series with the Los Angeles Dodgers beginning Tuesday night. R

Reynolds is not expected to play in the opener, remaining out after being placed on the bereavement list on Sunday.

Cubs place Bellinger on paternity

The Chicago Cubs placed outfielder **Cody Bellinger** on the paternity list, as Bellinger and his girlfriend welcomed their second child on Sunday, a baby girl.

The 27-year-old Bellinger is off to a strong start in his first year with Chicago, batting .300 with five homers and 15 RBIs in 21 games. The 2019 NL MVP finalized a $17.5 million, one-year contract with the Cubs in December.

The Cubs also recalled outfielder **Nelson Velázquez** from Triple A Iowa. He was in the starting lineup for the opener of a three-game series against San Diego.

The team also announced that righthander **Kyle Hendricks** will make a rehab start with Iowa on Thursday.

Hendricks is coming back from a right shoulder strain. He hasn't pitched in a big league game since July 5.

Mets turn frustration to fashion

The New York Mets have turned **Max Scherzer's** suspension into a fashion statement.

With the team just back from a West Coast trip, new Mets T-shirts that read "Sweat and Rosin" showed up in the clubhouse before New York's series opener against Washington.

One rested on reliever Tommy Hunter's chair, right next to Scherzer's locker.

"I don't know who brought 'em in, how they got there," Mets manager Buck Showalter said. "I'm not in the T-shirt policing business — but I could be."

Scherzer was suspended for 10 games by Major League Baseball last week following his ejection for having a foreign substance on his hand while pitching in a game at Dodger Stadium.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner insisted the substance umpires found too sticky was simply his sweat mixed with rosin — a legal substance for pitchers, if applied properly.

Scherzer initially challenged the suspension but dropped his appeal hours later, saying the Mets urged him to accept it and that was the best move for the team. He also said he wouldn't win the appeal.

Astros halt Rays' 14-game run

Luis Garcia scattered three hits over six innings and the Houston Astros ended the Tampa Bay Rays' 14-game season-opening home winning streak, 5-0.

Only three teams had a longer run than the Rays, who are 20-4 overall.

"It was a little weird," Tampa Bay manager **Kevin Cash** said of the first home loss. "Walking in there [the clubhouse] with no music or anything like that, but I'm guessing they'll get the music back on soon."

The 1880 Chicago White Stockings, who became the Cubs, hold the MLB record for the longest season-opening home streak with 21. The 1886 Detroit Wolverines had an 18-game stretch, while the 1884 St. Louis Maroons of the Union Association won 16 in a row, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The announced crowd for the game between the MLB-best Rays and the defending World Series champion Astros at Tropicana Field was just 9,916.

Garcia (2-2) struck out seven, walked two and allowed just one runner to reach scoring position. The righthander was coming off a start last Wednesday in which he gave up two hits over seven shutout innings in an 8-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

ROCKIES 5, GUARDIANS 1

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Blackmon dh	5	2	2	2	0	1	.274
Profar lf	3	0	0	1	1	0	.202
Bryant rf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.303
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.226
Díaz c	2	0	1	0	2	0	.333
Moustakas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Trejo 2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.222
Doyle cf	4	1	3	1	0	1	.429
Tovar ss	3	1	0	0	1	3	.187
Totals	**33**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**6**	**8**	

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.266
Rosario ss	3	0	1	1	0	2	.250
Ramírez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.255
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.181
Bell dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.221
Giménez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Zunino c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.245
Brennan rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Straw cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Totals	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**9**	

Colorado	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	1
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1	6	0

E—Díaz (3). **LOB**—Colorado 8, Cleveland 4. **2B**—Blackmon (6), Doyle (1), Ramírez (8), Naylor (1), Zunino (7). **HR**—Blackmon (2), off Battenfield. **SB**—Trejo (1), Doyle 2 (2), Kwan (6). **SF**—Profar, Rosario. **DP**—Colorado 1; Cleveland 1.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Feltner W 2-2	6	5	1	0	0	6	4.68
Suter	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.10
Lawrence	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.08

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Battnfield L 0-2	4⅔	6	4	4	4	4	3.52
De Los Santos	1⅓	1	1	1	1	2	2.08
Karinchak	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.23
Pilkington	2	1	0	0	1	2	0.00

Inherited runners-scored—De Los Santos 2-0. **NP**—Feltner 82, Suter 20, Lawrence 18, Battenfield 97, De Los Santos 21, Karinchak 15, Pilkington 40. **Umpires**—Home, Doug Eddings; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Ramon De Jesus. **T**—2:22. **A**—9,493 (34,830).

DODGERS 8, PIRATES 7

LA DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Betts ss	5	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Freeman 1b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.280
Heyward rf	2	1	0	0	0	1	.171
Thompson ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.184
Outman cf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.316
Vargas 2b	4	1	2	2	1	0	.231
Peralta lf	5	1	0	0	0	1	.189
Busch dh	3	1	1	1	1	1	.333
Taylor 3b	4	2	3	3	0	0	.163
Barnes c	3	0	0	1	0	1	.057
Totals	**36**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**4**	**7**	

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Hayes 3b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.237
Marcano 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.286
McCutchen dh	5	1	1	3	0	2	.270
Santana 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.261
Suwinski lf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.269
Joe rf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.328
Castro ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.258
Bae cf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.224
Hedges c	2	2	1	1	0	1	.188
Mathias ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.286
Delay c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.314
Totals	**39**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**1**	**8**	

LA Dodgers	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	9	0
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	7	12	3

E—Bae (4), Castro (4), Hedges (1). **LOB**—LA Dodgers 7, Pittsburgh 8. **2B**—Outman 2 (4), Vargas (4), Hayes (7), Suwinski (4). **HR**—Taylor (5), off Holderman, McCutchen (5), off Syndergaard. **SB**—Marcano (1), Bae 2 (7). **SF**—Barnes.

LA Dodgers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Syndergaard	4	9	7	7	0	2	6.58
González	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.38
Almonte W 2-0	1	1	0	0	0	2	6.75
Ferguson	1	1	0	0	1	1	1.93
Miller S 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.64

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Oviedo	5⅓	6	5	4	2	4	3.03
Stephenson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.00
Holdermn L 0-1	1	2	3	3	1	1	3.75
Underwood	1	1	0	0	1	0	3.18

Inherited runners-scored—Stephenson 3-1. **HBP**—by Syndergaard (Hedges), by Ferguson (Marcano). **Catchers interference**—Hedges. **NP**—Syndergaard 80, González 14, Phillips 10, Almonte 16, Ferguson 25, Miller 12, Oviedo 94, Stephenson 9, Hernandez 17, Holderman 22, Underwood 20. **Umpires**—Home, Ben May; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Chris Segal. **T**—2:45. **A**—10,560 (38,747).

ASTROS 5, RAYS 0

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Dubón 2b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.329
Peña ss	4	1	2	1	1	1	.229
Tucker rf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.301
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.237
JAbreu 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.250
Julks lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.317
Meyers cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.302
Hensley dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.143
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.143
Totals	**37**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**3**	**7**	

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Díaz dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.313
Franco ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.315
Arozarena lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.348
JoLowe rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.328
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Raley 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.176
Walls 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.333
Mejía c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Siri cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.292
Totals	**30**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**8**	

Houston	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	11	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

LOB—Houston 8, Tampa Bay 5. **2B**—Dubón 2 (6), Peña (7), JAbreu (4), Julks (4), Franco (12). **SB**—Dubón (2), Julks (1). **DP**—Houston 2; Tampa Bay 1.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Garcia W 2-2	6	3	0	0	2	7	4.00
Maton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Montero	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.70
Pressly	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.82

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rasmssen L 3-2	4⅔	9	5	5	2	5	3.33
Hembree	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
Poche	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.08
Beeks	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.63
Adam	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.16

Inherited runners-scored—Hembree 1-0. **NP**—Garcia 97, Maton 10, Montero 14, Pressly 11, Rasmussen 94, Hembree 18, Poche 12, Beeks 20, Adam 19. **Umpires**—Home, Brock Ballou; First, Vic Carapazza; Second, Nick Mahrley; Third, Jerry Layne. **T**—2:44. **A**—9,916 (25,025).

MARINERS 5, PHILLIES 3

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
JulRodríguez cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.235
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.278
EugeSuárez 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.261
Hernández rf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.244
Pollock dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.116
Kelenic lf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.342
Raleigh c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.225
Caballero 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.214
Crawford ss	3	0	1	1	1	0	.242
Totals	**34**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**9**	

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.337
Turner ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.282
Schwarber dh	3	1	0	0	0	0	.205
Castellanos rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.315
Realmuto c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
Bohm 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.300
Sosa 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.311
Marsh cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.357
Pache lf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.348
Cave ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.200
Totals	**35**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**1**	**7**	

Seattle	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	5	8	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	10	1

E—Realmuto (1). **LOB**—Seattle 4, Philadelphia 7. **2B**—EugeSuárez (4), Kelenic (7), Bohm (5). **3B**—Raleigh (1). **HR**—Hernández (6), off Falter, Kelenic (7), off Falter, Sosa (3), off Gonzales. **SB**—Caballero (2), Crawford (1). **SF**—Caballero. **DP**—Seattle 2.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gonzales W 2-0	5	4	1	1	1	2	3.32
Brash	1	2	1	1	0	2	5.91
Speier	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00
Topa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sewald S 7	1	2	1	1	0	2	3.46

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Falter L 0-4	6	6	4	3	0	7	4.50
Brogdon	1	1	1	1	1	0	3.00
Marte	1	0	0	0	0	1	27.00
Vasquez	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.79

HBP—by Brash (Schwarber). **NP**—Gonzales 75, Brash 19, Speier 18, Topa 9, Sewald 21, Falter 98, Brogdon 20, Marte 11, Vasquez 15. **Umpires**—Home, Laz Diaz; First, Ryan Wills; Second, Andy Fletcher; Third, Erich Bacchus. **T**—2:38. **A**—42,323 (42,792).

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1902: Cleveland's Addie Joss pitched a one-hitter in his major league debut. Joss gave up a scratch single to Jessie Burkett as the Indians beat the St. Louis Browns, 3-0.

1904: Ty Cobb, making his pro baseball debut at the age of 17, hits a home run and double for the Augusta Tourists in the South Atlantic League.

1905: Jack McCarthy of the Cubs threw out three runners at the plate, each of whom became the second out of a double play. McCarthy's defense preserved a 2-1 win over the Pirates.

1907: Johnny Bates of the Boston Doves hit for the cycle against the Brooklyn Superbas.

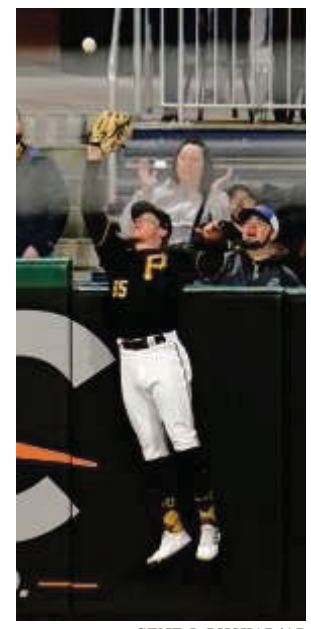
1941: The Chicago Cubs became the first major league team to install an organ at their ballpark. Roy Nelson took to the keyboard and played a pregame program.

1952: Detroit's Art Houtteman's had his no-hit bid broken up on a two-out, ninth-inning hit by Harry Simpson but the Tigers routed the Indians, 13-0.

1961: Roger Maris of the Yankees began his successful run at Babe Ruth's single-season home run record with the first of his 61 homers, connecting in the fifth inning against Detroit righthander Paul Foytack.

1982: Red Sox rookie Wade Boggs collects his first major league hit when he singles against Rich Dotson of the White Sox.

2000: Vladimir Guerrero of the Expos hits his 100th career home run.



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Pirates left fielder Jack Suwinski (above) took a home run away from the Dodgers' Mookie Betts in the sixth inning.

REDS 7, RANGERS 6

| TEXAS | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
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NBA PLAYOFFS GAME 5 CELTICS VS. HAWKS

They should be embarrassed after collapse

GARY WASHBURN
ON BASKETBALL

So much for the Celtics' quest to prove they are different from last year's team, that they've learned from their mental lapses, relenting with big leads and playing hero ball at the worst possible time.

They gagged Tuesday at TD Garden, with a chance to close out the Hawks in five games with a double-digit lead with five minutes left. All the bad habits that have plagued the Celtics in late-game situations returned.

They tried putting away the game with contested threes. They slipped on defense, giving up easy buckets that ignited the demoralizing game-ending run; Marcus Smart decided he was going to try to strip Trae Young with the Celtics out of fouls and 15.8 seconds left.

And finally, the Celtics allowed Young to dribble up the floor in the final two seconds and sink a 30-footer for the win. The Celtics have proven to be the better team in most of their playoff series the past few years, but they are reviving their opponents, giving them unneeded confidence because of their inability to play capable basketball in the final minutes.

Jayson Tatum spent the evening launching erratic 3-pointers. Smart made several miscues down the stretch and coach Joe Mazzulla didn't make the necessarily defensive adjustments against Young. If De'Andre Hunter or John Collins hits big shots in the final minutes, the Celtics should accept that. But they can't possibly allow Young to score the final 14 points. That's a coaching issue.

The 119-117 loss was damaging because it shouldn't have happened. The Celtics led by 13 points with 6 minutes and 10 seconds remaining, and has been their reputation, they botched the final minutes with putrid play, defensive slippage and allowing Young to maneuver wherever he wanted, believing his buckets were too little too late, until they weren't.

The Celtics should be embarrassed. They deserve all the criticism they'll get over the next 36 hours from Shaq, Chuck, and Stephen A. They are watching the Milwaukee Bucks crumble in their series against the eighth-seeded Miami Heat. They know Joel Embiid will not be 100 percent in a potential conference semifinal matchup, and yet they can't dispose of the seventh-seeded Hawks without their second-best scorer.

Oh yeah, Dejounte Murray was suspended for Game 5, made the trip to Boston and watched the game from the Ritz-Carlton, pleading for another opportunity to help extend this series. Well, he'll get that chance Thursday, and the Celtics are to blame.

The "let's just get ready for the next one" mentality can't possibly be the best way to deal with this. Tuesday was supposed to be the next one. And the Celtics played a solid 42 minutes but we're unable to shake the Hawks and then didn't score for 3:06 late in the fourth quarter. They finished the game 1-for-7 shooting with four turnovers, a missed free throw, and technical foul in the final five minutes.

The Celtics lose their poise. They lose their composure.

"If you don't win, you don't execute, then you lost your poise," Mazzulla said. "I didn't think we were poised and didn't execute well."

The Celtics are skilled at calling out their mistakes and admitting fault. But they can't seem to stop these collapses when they were happening. Derrick White's layup gave Boston a 111-99 lead with 5:24 left.

The Hawks countered with buckets from Onyeka Okongwu and Collins before Mazzulla called a timeout. But that didn't help. Collins then came back with another jumper to cut the deficit to 6 and then Young took over. Atlanta is blitzing the Celtics dribblers and taking advantage of poor ballhandling.

The Celtics offense consisted of either jumpers, lost dribbles or illegal screens in the final minutes, and that has to be corrected. Smart will shoulder some of the blame but Tatum and Jaylen Brown also shrank in the moment.

"Up 12 in the fourth, we smoked the game," Brown said. "Today we had a tremendous opportunity. We had control of the game for the most part and then Trae Young put on a hell of a performance in the fourth quarter. We had some bonehead plays, some fouls, gave them some opportunities to get going. We just let the game get away from us a little bit and they just hit shot after shot. You give a team life, you leave it up to chance and that's what we did."

But there has to be a plan between now and Thursday to erase this constant disturbing trend. The Celtics are arguably the best team in the NBA when they're playing well. And they're average when they're not. Other teams, like the Nuggets, had a chance to close out their opponents with a Game 5 home game and Denver struggled at times but closed out the series. The Celtics are the ones who botched their opportunity and now added to the drama, boosted the Hawks confidence and increased the pressure to advance or risk being a summer laughingstock.

It's up to the Celtics how much they really want to be great. They did it for about 42 minutes on Tuesday and then completely fell apart, assuming Atlanta would be the first to fold. Instead, they were the first to crack, and it was an all-too-familiar sight.

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Hawks swoop in, win as Celtics falter late

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sive liability, he is capable of catching fire like few other basketball players in the world. And he is unfazed by moments most others would find treacherous.

So after Trae Young helped his team erase a 13-point fourth-quarter deficit, he calmly took an inbounds pass with 7.3 seconds left and his team trailing by a point, and began to move upcourt without any fear of the moment.

Young took four dribbles and gave Brown just enough of a shoulder fake to keep him off balance. Marcus Smart was on his way to try to trap Young, but it was too late.

Young swished a 30-foot 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1.8 seconds left, sending the Hawks to a stunning 119-117 win that pulled them within 3-2 in the series. Game 6 will be played in Atlanta on Thursday night.

"It's a tough basket, a tough shot in the playoffs," Brown said of Young's game-winner. "Maybe I could have forced him toward the basket a little bit more if I could have picked him up a little bit better, but maybe we shouldn't have been in that position in the first place."

The Celtics had a chance to tie or win. But Derrick White's initial inbounds pass was knocked out with 0.5 seconds left, and then Tatum's heave from the left arc was not close.

It was a forgettable night for Tatum, who was just 1 for 11 from the 3-point line for 19 points and was whistled for a costly technical foul when he batted a dead ball toward an official near the sideline with Boston leading by 2 with 1:39 remaining.

The Celtics lost despite shooting 53.3 percent from the field, their third-highest mark in a regular-season or playoff game this year. During the regular season, they were 25-0 when shooting above 43.2 percent.

Young had 38 points and 13 assists to lead the Hawks, who made 19 of 41 3-pointers. The Celtics will remain heavy favorites to win the series, but at the moment it certainly feels more tenuous than the oddsmakers will believe.

"We were tough-minded in a very difficult game," Atlanta coach Quin Snyder said.

The Hawks headed home feeling optimistic and eager. They won Game 3 in Atlanta before putting up a worthy effort in Game 4, and now they will welcome back a well-rested Murray.

The Celtics, meanwhile, have at the very least made their road to a championship more challenging. Had they won Tuesday night, their conference semifinals matchup against the 76ers would have started Saturday night at TD Garden.

Now, that series would begin Monday, giving Philadelphia star Joel Embiid, this season's likely MVP, two more days to rest his sprained knee. At this moment, though, that is the least of the Celtics' concerns.

"Our mind-set and mentality is to get ready for the next one," Brown said. "We've been in situations like this before. It's unfortunate, but you can run and point fingers or you can take ownership of the situation. We've got two chances to win one."

The Celtics took a 111-99 lead on a White runner with 5:24 left, and the Hawks had given little reason to believe a comeback was brewing. But after committing five turnovers over the game's first 44 minutes, 34 seconds, Boston had four in five possessions over the final 3:26. That helped the Hawks unspool a 12-0 run that tied the score at 111.

"We talk about playing faster down the stretch," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said, "and I thought we just lost some of our pace."

After a Robert Williams putback ended Boston's drought, Tatum was whistled for the technical foul after Young lofted up a shot as he was fouled. Young hit all three free throws to put the Hawks in front.

With 30.4 seconds left, Young's floater got stuck between the rim and the backboard, resulting in a jump ball. The Celtics won the tip, and Tatum found Williams for an alley-oop and a 115-114 Celtics lead.

But Smart fouled Young going for a steal about 35 feet from the hoop, and Young's free throws gave the Hawks a 116-115 edge. White drew a blocking foul on Young with 7.3 seconds left and swished both free throws.

But Young would have the final word.

"We had an opportunity, and now we have another one," Mazzulla said "So now we just have to focus on that."

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All eyes are on the ball after the Celtics' Derrick White launched a 3-pointer.

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Trae Young (38 points, 13 assists) raised his game for Atlanta and buried the winning shot.

Hawks 119, Celtics 117

EASTERN CONFERENCE FIRST ROUND, GAME 5
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at TD Garden

Atlanta

		TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
De'Andre Hunter	F	41:50	5-11	3-5	0-0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	3	+7	13
John Collins	F	30:38	9-18	4-9	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	3	-2	22
Clint Capela	C	20:45	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	-6	4
Bogdan Bogdanovic	G	34:48	6-9	3-6	3-3	1	5	6	5	2	1	0	2	+11	18
Trae Young	G	44:07	14-33	5-13	5-5	0	4	4	13	0	2	4	4	+5	38
Aaron Holiday		3:53	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-3	0
Saddiq Bey		23:36	4-9	2-3	2-2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	-11	12
Onyeka Okongwu		26:53	4-6	1-1	0-0	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	2	+8	9
Jalen Johnson		13:30	1-5	1-4	0-0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	1	+1	3
Totals			45-96	19-41	10-10	6	28	34	26	4	5	8	16		119
			46.9%	46.3%	100.0%			Team: 14				8 pts.			

Boston

		TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
Jayson Tatum	F	38:12	8-21	1-10	2-2	1	7	8	8	1	0	2	2	-9	19
Jaylen Brown	F	38:28	15-23	4-7	1-5	1	6	7	5	0	0	4	3	+1	35
Al Horford	C	33:04	1-5	1-3	0-0	1	5	6	5	5	1	1	2	+1	3
Marcus Smart	G	26:30	4-8	1-4	1-2	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	4	-12	10
Derrick White	G	31:22	7-11	2-5	2-2	0	5	5	4	2	0	0	1	+9	18
Robert Williams		27:16	5-6	0-0	0-1	2	5	7	2	0	0	0	4	-1	10
Malcolm Brogdon		25:45	6-12	1-5	1-1	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	+2	14
Sam Hauser		13:30	3-5	2-4	0-0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	-1	8
Blake Griffin		5:53	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Totals			49-92	12-38	7-13	9	34	43	31	9	1	9	20		117
			53.3%	31.6%	53.8%			Team: 9				14 pts.			

Technical fouls: Tatum, 1:39/4th.

	1	2	3	4		T
Atlanta	**30**	**28**	**24**	**37**	—	**119**
Boston	**27**	**39**	**26**	**25**	—	**117**

Attendance: 19,156 (105.6% of 18,624). Time of game: 2:18. Officials: Josh Tiven, Courtney Kirkland, Tre Maddox.

Bruins topped Celtics in ratings Sunday

By Chad Finn
GLOBE STAFF

Boston sports fans of course have deep loyalties to all of their teams.

But when those teams play postseason games on the same day or even in the same time slot, the television ratings can provide a glimpse at how those loyalties are divided up.

There have been a couple of such situations in recent days, as the championship-contending Bruins and Celtics got further into their opening-round playoff series.

On Sunday, for instance, the Bruins played the Panthers in Game 4 of their Stanley Cup playoff series at 3:30 p.m. on NESN and TNT, while the Celtics faced the Hawks in Game 4 of their NBA Eastern Conference first-round series at 7 p.m. on NBC Sports Boston and TNT.

The Bruins, who beat the Panthers, 6-2, in the afternoon to take a 3-1 lead in the series, fared better in the Nielsen ratings for the Boston market, receiving an 8.04 share on NESN and a 4.95 on TNT. The national broadcast started a few minutes after 3:30 p.m. because the earlier broadcast featuring the Islanders and Panthers ran late.

The Celtics, who went up, 3-1, in their series with a 129-121 win, fared well in the later window, getting a 6.24 share on NBC Sports Boston and a 5.57 on TNT. This was the second straight Celtics game on NBC Sports Boston in which analysts Brian Scalabrine and Eddie House called the game without a conventional play-by-play voice.

On Friday night, the Celtics and Bruins went head-to-head as each played the third game of their series. The Bruins, who won, 4-2, also prevailed in this matchup. The Bruins broadcast earned a 6.05 share on NESN and a 3.19 on TNT.

Meanwhile, the Celtics, who lost, 130-122, took a ratings hit head-to-head, getting a 3.54 share on NBC Sports Boston and 3.07 on ESPN.

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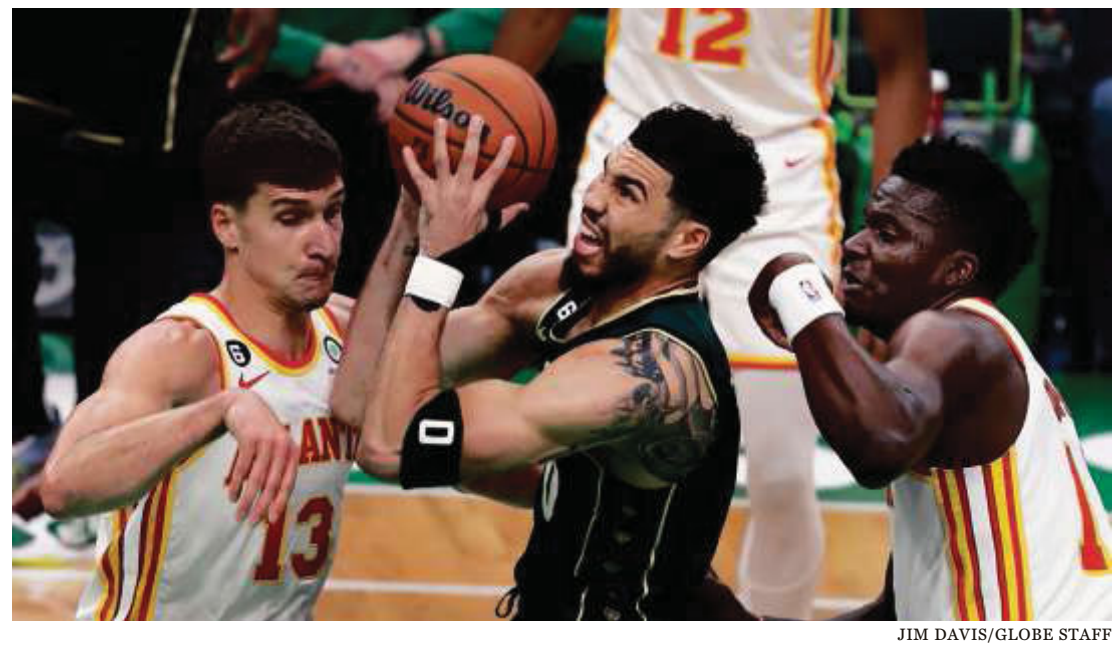

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Jayson Tatum had a rough night shooting 3-pointers and had to work inside for his 19 points.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CELTICS NOTEBOOK

Happy thoughts for Udoka on hiring

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

When former Celtics coach **Ime Udoka** was on the verge of being hired by the Nets in November, Celtics players reacted with a combination of confusion, frustration about the situation, and happiness for Udoka.

Brooklyn ultimately shifted course and retained interim coach **Jacque Vaughn**, and six months later Udoka is now in line to get a different second chance, as coach of the Houston Rockets. And this time, the Celtics mostly just appear pleased that the coach who guided them to the NBA Finals last season will soon be back on the sidelines.

"Happy for him," guard **Marcus Smart** said. "He's a great coach. Obviously, we wish he could've been here with us, but we understand the business side of everything and everything that happened.

"So it's just good to see him back out there getting at least another opportunity to show his wisdom and what he has to bring to the game."

Udoka received a one-year suspension in September for having an improper relationship with a subordinate team employee. In February, the Celtics officially parted ways with Udoka and gave interim coach **Joe Mazzulla** the full-time role.

Mazzulla said Tuesday ahead of the Celtics' 119-117 loss in Game 5 to the Hawks at TD Garden that he sent Udoka a congratulatory text message, adding he was grateful to spend a year learning under him as an assistant.

"I'm happy for him in the sense that I think it's important," Mazzulla said. "Second chances are important. Grace is important. Forgiveness is important.

"I'm a product of a second chance and I think it's important to have that in society."

Of course, when Udoka was nearly hired by the Nets, Brooklyn was viewed as a legitimate title contender that also competed in the Celtics' division. The Rockets, on the other hand, play in the Western Conference and are in the early stages of a rebuild.

Smart, who was one of the more outspoken Celtics when Udoka was nearly hired by Brooklyn, said he had mostly moved on but was still emotional about the situation.

"We built a connection together outside of basketball, me and Ime," Smart said. "So for him not to be here was tough, but I'm just happy for him and happy he gets another opportunity to show what he can do."

Murray can only watch

Hawks star **Dejounte Murray** missed Game 5 after receiving a one-game suspension for making inappropriate contact with and verbally abusing a game official at the conclusion of the Celtics' Game 4 win on Sunday in Atlanta.

Murray approached referee **Gediminas Petraitis** and made a head-butt motion before bumping Petraitis's shoulder with his chest. On Tuesday morning, Murray said he has had issues with Petraitis dating to Murray's time with the Spurs, and that his reaction on Sunday was the result of frustration throughout the game.

"It was a lot that led up to it," Murray said, "a lot of ignoring, a lot of brushing me off, brushing my teammates off, just asking questions of how we can be better."

Murray averaged 25.3 points, 7.3 rebounds, and 5.8 assists over the first four games of the series.

"He's obviously disappointed, of course," Hawks coach **Quin Snyder** said, "but I think understands that he can't put himself in that situation."

Round 2 dates announced

The NBA announced the dates for the conference semifinals between Philadelphia and the winner of the Boston-Atlanta first-round matchup.

That series will open Monday, May 1, and the remaining games for the best-of-seven series are scheduled for May 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 14.

Game 6 of Celtics-Hawks will be played Thursday night in Atlanta. If necessary, Game 7 will be played Saturday in Boston.

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Celtics vs. Hawks

Boston leads series, 3-2
Saturday, April 15
At Boston 112 ... Atlanta 99
Tuesday, April 18
At Boston 119 ... Atlanta 106
Friday, April 21
At Atlanta 130 ... Boston 122
Sunday, April 23
Boston 129 ... at Atlanta 121
Tuesday, April 25
Atlanta 119 ... at Boston 117
Schedule
Thursday at Atlanta ... TBA (NBCSB)
*Saturday at Boston ... TBA (TNT, NBCSB)

* If necessary

Results, schedule

Eastern Conference

PHILADELPHIA VS. BROOKLYN
76ers win series, 4-0
Saturday, April 15
At Philadelphia 121 ... Brooklyn 101
Monday, April 17
At Philadelphia 96 ... Brooklyn 84
Thursday, April 20
Philadelphia 102 ... at Brooklyn 97
Saturday, April 22
Philadelphia 96 ... at Brooklyn 88

MILWAUKEE VS. MIAMI
Heat lead series, 3-1
Sunday, April 16
Miami 130 ... at Milwaukee 117
Wednesday, April 19
At Milwaukee 138 ... Miami 122
Saturday, April 22
At Miami 121 ... Milwaukee 99
Monday, April 24
At Miami 119 ... Milwaukee 114
Schedule
Wednesday at Milwaukee ... 9:30
*Friday at Miami ... TBA
*Sunday at Milwaukee ... TBA

CLEVELAND VS. NEW YORK
Knicks lead series, 3-1
Saturday, April 15
New York 101 ... at Cleveland 97
Tuesday, April 18
At Cleveland 107 ... New York 90
Friday, April 21
At New York 99 ... Cleveland 79
Sunday, April 23
At New York 102 ... Cleveland 93
Schedule
Wednesday at Cleveland ... 7
*Friday at New York ... TBA
*Sunday at Cleveland ... TBA

Western Conference

SACRAMENTO VS. GOLDEN STATE
Series tied at 2
Saturday, April 15
At Sacramento 126 ... Golden State 123
Monday, April 17
At Sacramento 114 ... Golden State 106
Thursday, April 20
At Golden State 114 ... Sacramento 97
Sunday, April 23
At Golden State 126 ... Sacramento 125
Schedule
Wednesday at Sacramento ... 10
Friday at Golden State ... TBA
*Sunday at Sacramento ... TBA

MEMPHIS VS. LA LAKERS
Lakers lead series, 3-1
Sunday, April 16
LA Lakers 128 ... at Memphis 112
Wednesday, April 19
At Memphis 103 ... LA Lakers 93
Saturday, April 22
At LA Lakers 111 ... Memphis 101
Monday, April 24
At LA Lakers 117 ... Memphis 111 (OT)
Schedule
Wednesday at Memphis ... 7:30
*Friday at LA Lakers ... TBA
*Sunday at Memphis ... TBA

PHOENIX VS. LA CLIPPERS
Suns lead series, 3-1
Sunday, April 16
LA Clippers 115 ... at Phoenix 110
Tuesday, April 18
At Phoenix 123 ... LA Clippers 109
Thursday, April 20
Phoenix 129 ... at LA Clippers 124
Saturday, April 22
Phoenix 112 ... at LA Clippers 100
Tuesday, April 25
LA Clippers ... at Phoenix
Schedule
*Thursday at LA Clippers ... TBA
*Saturday at Phoenix ... TBA

DENVER VS. MINNESOTA
Nuggets win series, 4-1
Sunday, April 16
At Denver 109 ... Minnesota 80
Wednesday, April 19
At Denver 122 ... Minnesota 113
Friday, April 21
Denver 120 ... at Minnesota 111
Sunday, April 23
At Minnesota 114 ... Denver 108 (OT)
Tuesday, April 25
At Denver 112 ... Minnesota 109

* If necessary

NBA NOTEBOOK

Nuggets finish the job in five

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nikola Jokic had a triple-double and **Jamal Murray** scored 35 points as the Nuggets eliminated the Timberwolves, 112-109, at Denver in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday night.

Anthony Edwards, who led Minnesota with 29 points, hit the back iron on a 27-foot 3-point attempt at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime.

Jokic overcame a slow offensive start to finish with 28 points, 17 rebounds, and a 12 assists. He made just 8 of 29 shots, but scored 8 points down the stretch to help the Nuggets fend off the pesky Timberwolves.

Michael Malone passed **Doug Moe** with his 25th playoff win as Nuggets head coach.

The top-seeded Nuggets will face the winner of the Clippers-Suns series in the second round. Those teams tipped off later Tuesday night with the Suns needing one more victory to end the Clippers' season.

Denver advanced thanks to making 32 of 36 free throws.

Michael Porter Jr. was held without a basket until his dunk with 10:08 left in the game. Jokic missed eight of his first 10 shots 48 hours after tying his career playoff high with 43 points in a Game 4 overtime loss at Minnesota.

Karl-Anthony Towns added 26 points for the Wolves, **Rudy Gobert** had 16 points and 15 rebounds before fouling out and **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** chipped in 14 points.

The Nuggets got 14 points from **Aaron Gordon** and **Bruce Brown**, who was in Edwards' face on the game-tying attempt at the buzzer. Porter scored all 8 of his points in the fourth quarter, including a pair of clutch 3-pointers after missing his first five shots from behind the arc.

The Nuggets went into halftime with the lead for the fifth time in the series, but they were up just 48-47 after Jokic and Porter combined to go 2 for 16 from the floor.

Murray, whose 16 first-half points kept the Nuggets in it after they fell behind by 13 early on, got a long rebound and pulled up for a 26-foot 3-pointer when no defender picked him up in transition. That put Denver ahead 48-45 with their first lead since the opening minutes.

The Wolves, who avoided a sweep with an overtime win in Minneapolis on Sunday, jumped out to a 25-12 lead before the Nuggets began chipping away.

Lakers in control

James made the tying layup with 0.8 seconds left in regulation before scoring 4 of his 22 points in overtime and the Lakers beat the Grizzlies, 117-111, Monday night at Los Angeles to surge to a 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

James, 38, also grabbed a career playoff-high 20 rebounds and added 7 assists and 2 blocked shots, committing just one turnover in his 270th playoff game, extending his NBA record.

JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

Jaylen Brown (35 total points) did just about everything in the first half, but he was called for a foul on Trae Young.

Now anything can happen — right?

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vorites to win the NBA championship — Tuesday coughed up a 13-point lead (at home!) in the final six minutes of a potential Game 5 clincher and lost to the undermanned Hawks, 119-117. Trae Young's calm, 30-foot pull-up with 1.8 seconds left stunned the Celtics and NBA America. The unraveling Celtics never got another shot off.

Game 6 will be played Thursday night at State Farm Arena in Atlanta. The Celtics probably will advance and we'll forget about all this. They are clearly more talented than the Hawks. But they have also demonstrated that they lack direction and leadership. They have toyed with Atlanta for most of this series, but now it is indeed a series and that's all on Boston. If these Celtics fail to win a championship this spring, when their path has been so nicely cleared, they will go down as one of the most disappointing teams in Boston sports history. You'll be OK to put them alongside the 2003 Red Sox and the 2007 Patriots: front-runners, then failures.

The Celtics have declared this playoff run as a mission to take care of "Unfinished Business." And they were handed a gift when the Hawks emerged as their first-round opponent. Boston led by 32, then 22, in easy Game 1 and 2 victories. There was a mild upset in Game 3 when the Hawks shot the ball like Sons of Maraviches. Order was restored when Boston won Game 4. Tuesday at the Garden was supposed to set up Celtics-Sixers Saturday in the conference semifinals. The Hawks didn't have 25-point-per-game guard Dejounte Murray (suspended for bumping an official Sunday) and were 13-point underdogs.

As in three of the first four games, the Celtics led pretty much from wire to wire, keeping the Hawks at bay until the final minute and a half. Jaylen Brown (35 points) was electric. Boston led, 109-96 with six minutes left.

Then Jayson Tatum (1 for 10 on threes), Brown, and Marcus Smart all committed turnovers and Smart was slapped with an offensive foul as the Hawks surged back.

I mean, how do you gag at home against these guys?

Even the Hawks didn't think they were going to win. State Farm Arena in Atlanta had scheduled a Janet Jackson concert for Thursday night, which now has been pushed back to Friday.

The Hawks finally took the lead on three free throws (one thanks to a technical foul on Tatum) by Young with 1:39 left, then won it when the indomitable Young calmly drained a 30-foot pull-up parabola with 1.8 seconds remaining. The Celtics called time, but failed to get a shot off, butchering two in-bounds plays in the final seconds.

It can't be fun for Boston's rookie, 34-year-old coach Joe Mazzulla to have this happen on the same day Ime Udoka was named head coach of the Houston Rockets. Mazzulla acknowledged that his team "lost their pace" down the stretch.

That's polite phrasing for a six-minute train wreck against a beatable opponent at home.

Oh, and let's not forget that it was in Boston's interest to get this series over with and bring on the 76ers as soon as possible.

Philly's MVP-designee big man Joe Embiid messed up his knee in Game 3 in the 76ers' sweep of the Nets and now will have extra time to heal before the start of the conference semifinals.

We have assumed all along that these Celtics would advance, but nothing is certain anymore. The only thing that is certain is that the Celtics, until proven otherwise, are front-runners and underachievers.

They will probably still win this series.

We keep saying that.

But it should never have come to this.

It should have been a sweep. Or a gentleman's sweep. But now it is a series. And you know what Kevin Millar says:

Anything can happen.

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Jaylen Brown (left) and Marcus Smart exit as Atlanta celebrated in Game 5.

HEAT 119, BUCKS 114

Monday night game

MILWAUKEE

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Middlton	37	4-12	4-4	2-6	8	6	14
GAntkmpo	38	12-22	2-4	3-10	13	3	26
Lopez	39	13-23	6-6	7-11	0	2	36
Allen	33	2-6	2-2	0-0	0	1	8
Holiday	41	6-19	0-0	0-7	4	4	14
Ingles	18	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	2	3
Portis	13	2-6	0-0	2-4	0	0	5
Connghton	21	2-8	3-4	1-6	1	2	8
Carter	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		42-97	17-20	16-46	28	20	114

FG%: .433, FT%: .850. 3-pt. goals: 13-40, .325 (Middleton 2-5, G.Antetokounmpo 0-1, Lopez 4-7, Allen 2-5, Holiday 2-11, Ingles 1-1, Portis 1-4, Connaughton 1-6). Team rebounds: 7. Team turnovers: 14 (24 pts.). Blocks: 6 (G.Antetokounmpo 2, Lopez 3, Holiday). Turnovers: 14 (Middleton 3, G.Antetokounmpo 6, Lopez 2, Holiday, Portis 2). Steals: 10 (Middleton, G.Antetokounmpo, Lopez 2, Allen 2, Holiday 2, Ingles, Connaughton).

MIAMI

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Love	22	2-6	0-0	1-7	2	4	6
Butler	41	19-28	15-18	4-9	2	0	56
Adebayo	30	6-16	3-3	2-8	2	3	15
Strus	17	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
Vincent	29	4-13	0-0	0-2	8	4	10
Highsmith	14	1-4	0-0	0-3	0	1	3
Lowry	24	3-7	0-0	1-4	5	1	6
Zeller	7	1-2	0-2	0-1	0	1	2
Martin	25	4-5	2-2	1-9	1	2	12
DRobinson	30	3-5	0-0	0-4	1	1	9
Totals		43-87	20-25	9-47	21	20	119

FG%: .494, FT%: .800. 3-pt. goals: 13-32, .406 (Love 2-5, Butler 3-8, Strus 0-1, Vincent 2-6, Highsmith 1-3, Lowry 0-2, Martin 2-3, D.Robinson 3-4). Team rebounds: 7. Team turnovers: 16 (17 pts.). Blocks: 5 (Love 2, Butler, Adebayo, Lowry). Turnovers: 15 (Butler, Adebayo 3, Strus 2, Vincent 5, Lowry 3, D.Robinson). Steals: 9 (Love, Adebayo, Vincent 2, Highsmith, Lowry, Martin 2, D.Robinson).

Milwaukee	33	24	32	25	—	114
Miami	28	22	28	41	—	119

A — 19,614 (19,600). T — 2:34. Officials — Marc Davis, Mark Lindsay, Jacyn Goble.

LAKERS 117, GRIZZLIES 111

Monday night game

MEMPHIS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Brooks	41	4-11	2-2	1-5	4	5	11
Jackson	42	5-15	4-5	6-14	1	4	14
Tillman	42	5-9	2-2	2-8	6	5	12
Morant	44	8-24	2-4	3-4	7	3	19
Bane	47	13-29	7-7	2-7	3	4	36
Aldama	7	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Kennard	14	2-4	0-0	1-4	1	2	6
Roddy	20	3-10	1-1	1-5	2	2	9
Jones	9	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	2
Totals		42-106	18-21	16-49	26	26	111

FG%: .396, FT%: .857. 3-pt. goals: 9-42, .214 (Brooks 1-7, Jackson 0-4, Tillman 0-1, Morant 1-6, Bane 3-12, Aldama 0-1, Kennard 2-4, Roddy 2-6, Jones 0-1). Team rebounds: 11. Team turnovers: 13 (17 pts.). Blocks: 7 (Jackson 5, Tillman, Morant). Turnovers: 13 (Brooks, Jackson 4, Tillman, Morant 4, Bane 3). Steals: 7 (Tillman, Morant 3, Bane, Aldama 2).

LA LAKERS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Vanderbilt	20	6-9	1-2	3-6	1	0	15
James	45	8-18	5-7	5-20	7	3	22
Davis	42	4-13	4-6	2-11	2	3	12
Russell	29	7-15	0-0	0-1	3	6	17
Reaves	42	7-16	7-8	0-4	6	4	23
Hachimura	26	2-9	2-2	1-6	1	0	7
Schroder	30	3-5	6-6	0-0	1	1	12
Beasley	9	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Brown	22	3-5	0-0	2-4	1	0	6
Totals		41-94	25-31	13-52	22	17	117

FG%: .436, FT%: .806. 3-pt. goals: 10-36, .278 (Vanderbilt 2-5, James 1-7, Davis 0-1, Russell 3-8, Reaves 2-5, Hachimura 1-4, Schroder 0-1, Beasley 1-3, Brown 0-2). Team rebounds: 14. Team turnovers: 15 (16 pts.). Blocks: 11 (Vanderbilt 3, James 2, Davis 4, Schroder 2). Turnovers: 15 (Vanderbilt 2, James, Davis 4, Russell 2, Reaves 3, Schroder 3). Steals: 5 (Davis 2, Reaves, Schroder 2). Technicals: team, 4:32/2nd, def. 3-second, 6:16/4th.

Memphis	23	29	31	21	7	— 111
LA Lakers	29	25	27	23	13	— 117

A — 18,997 (18,997). T — 2:54. Officials — John Goble, Sean Wright, Mitchell Ervin.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

BC following lead of Medjid

Accomplished attack charges into tourney

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Jenn Medjid has scored 64 times for the Eagles on 88 shots on goal.

Jenn Medjid didn't always see herself as a leader.

The leading scorer for the Boston College women's lacrosse team, currently ranked fourth in the nation, has "always had a knack for the net" as she says. When she was younger, she focused on refining her game.

"I was more reserved," said Medjid.

When the ACC regular-season co-champion Eagles (13-3) take the field in Charlotte, N.C., Wednesday for their ACC quarterfinal matchup against ninth-seeded Duke, Medjid will be in a position she didn't expect when she committed to BC several years ago: leading her team as their two-time captain, their leading scorer, and as the fourth player in program history to reach 300 points.

"Definitely when I look back, I definitely didn't think I would accomplish this much," said the graduate-student attack, who has 64 goals and 19 assists this season. "I look back and am proud of myself."

Medjid entered her graduate season having already accomplished a lot: All-ACC honors in both her junior and senior years, ACC All-Academic honors, and a USA Lacrosse Second Team All-American. She was third in the conference and seventh in the nation during the 2022 season with 74 goals. Medjid ended the year with 102 total points.

However, her accomplishments last year took a back seat to her BC teammate Charlotte North. Widely considered the best women's college lacrosse player ever, North ended her career by winning her second Tewaaraton Award as the top American player and setting the NCAA goal-scoring record with 358.

There was a lot for Medjid to live up to this season. Not only would she need to maintain or increase her scoring pace to make up for North's graduation, the second year of her captainship would involve the Eagles being doubted by their opponents in a way they hadn't been in years.

Those opponents didn't realize Medjid and the Eagles can never be counted out.

Early-season losses to Northwestern and North Carolina (the team that defeated BC in last May's national title game) didn't knock the Eagles down. They only got stronger as the season continued. On April 8, they came back from being down, 11-7, with just under 11 minutes remaining to edge No. 8 Notre Dame, 12-11. Medjid's fourth goal of the game tied the score with 2:30 left before Cassidy Weeks combined with her sister Courtney to win it.

"Notre Dame is always a strong team, but to come back from down four goals was big," said Medjid. "There are a lot of teams that would not have been able to do that. They would have been defeated, but we weren't."

Just last Thursday, BC did it again, scoring five goals in the last 8:14 to give then top-ranked Syracuse its first loss of the season, 17-16. Assisting on Cassidy Weeks's game-tying goal with 2:43 left, Medjid added three goals in the upset.

Medjid never gives up, and she is inspiring her teammates to do the same, both in her play and in her leadership.

"What's been fun to watch as the season goes on is not only does she lead by example, she's been more vocal as a leader," said 11-year BC coach Acacia Walker-Weinstein.

What powers the Eagles, especially late this season, is their unity. The quest to continue at the level of play they have become famous for is truly a team effort.

Some games it's the Weeks sisters leading the way, while in the statement-making Syracuse victory, it was sophomore Mckenna Davis, a Western New York native who tallied four goals against the team she grew up watching.

Junior Belle Smith, who has 39 goals and 25 assists this season, has been a constant presence as well.

Defensively, the Eagles are holding opponents to just 23.3 shots per game, and both graduate student Rachel Hall and freshman Shea Dolce are seeing time in goal. Everyone is contributing.

"Unity is our best asset," said Medjid. "It is not just one unit. We are playing better as a team. There is a really strong culture here. There is a family-like culture and it starts with our coaches, and it shows both on the field on game day and off it."

Another asset is their relentlessness, which has been on display of late. It will come in handy against Duke (8-9), a tough team getting substantial contributions from Needham's Lexi Schmalz, a senior who has scored three or more goals in five of her last seven games.

Buoyed by last Thursday's result against Syracuse, Medjid believes BC can ride the momentum to more ACC success.

"How we practice and prepare will be important," said Medjid. "The ACC is just so tough and anyone can win on any day."

But if her teammates continue to take their cues from their captain, preparation won't be an issue.

"[Medjid] is constantly seeking improvement, holding herself and others accountable," said Walker-Weinstein. "Her devotion to the program is one of the reasons we have had sustainable success."

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SportsLog

Bengals pick up Burrow's option, eye longer deal

The Cincinnati Bengals exercised the fifth-year contract option for star quarterback **Joe Burrow** on Tuesday as they move toward signing him to a long-term deal. The Bengals said in a statement that they took the "mechanical step" with Burrow and his representatives, who have had talks with the team about his future. NFL teams had until May 2 to exercise fifth-year options for first-round picks in the 2020 class, and Burrow, the first player taken that year, has already proven to be worth any extra financial investment. Since bouncing back from a season-ending knee injury as a rookie, Burrow has gone 20-10 as a starter while leading the Bengals to a Super Bowl appearance in 2022. The 26-year-old has passed for more than 4,400 yards in each of the past two seasons with 69 touchdown passes. Burrow made the Pro Bowl for the first time last season and led the Bengals back to the AFC title game, where they lost a rematch against Kansas City.

SOCCER

Crocker US Soccer sporting director

Matt Crocker intends to focus on leadership, style of play, and team identity in his search for a United States men's soccer coach, but deflected about whether he will consider retaining **Gregg Berhalter** or look at **Jesse Marsch**. The US Soccer Federation announced Crocker's hiring as sporting director. Crocker will start the job on Aug. 2 but will begin the coach search process immediately, the USSF said. The men's coaching job has been uncertain since Berhalter was pushed aside during an investigation that developed from a feud with the family of former US captain **Claudio Reyna**. Berhalter led the US to the second round of last year's World Cup, and his contract expired Dec. 31. Assistant **Anthony Hudson** was appointed interim coach on Jan. 4 after the USSF said it was investigating a three-decade-old domestic violence incident involving Berhalter and the woman who became his wife.

COLLEGES

Bollin going from Duke to Illinois

Former Bridgewater-Raynham girls' basketball star **Shay Bollin** said she will transfer to Illinois from Duke after her freshman year. Bollin played just 41 minutes across eight games with the Blue Devils, scoring a career-high 9 points against Charleston Southern on Nov. 10. Once ranked as high as 22nd in ESPN's high school recruiting rankings, Bollin made the Globe Super Team twice while at Bridgewater-Raynham. She joins an Illinois program that was 22-10 last season after going 7-20 in 2021-22. Ex-Brooks School forward **Sam Dewey**, a Melrose native, is also on Illinois . . . South Carolina, which lost seven seniors from the group that led the Gamecocks to three straight Final Fours and the 2022 national championship, said guard **Te-Hina Paopao** is tranferring after three seasons at Oregon. She has up to two years of eligibility left . . . Notre Dame quarterback **Tyler Buchner** will enter the transfer portal, but could stay with the Fighting Irish. Buchner competed with Wake Forest transfer **Sam Hartman** for the starting job in the spring. Hartman has three years of starting experience. Buchner hurt his shoulder in Week 2 last season.

TENNIS

Alcaraz out to regain top spot

Carlos Alcaraz will try to move closer to regaining the No. 1 ranking. The 19-year-old Spaniard will try to repeat as Madrid Open champion and practically guarantee a return to the top of the rankings. **Daniil Medvedev** will be his top challenger at the clay-court tournament after **Rafael Nadal** and **Novak Djokovic** withdrew because of injuries. Defending women's champion **Ons Jabeur** also won't play because of an injury. The second-ranked Alcaraz, who begins play Friday, is chasing Djokovic for the No. 1 spot after having traded the top ranking with him three times this season. If he wins the title in Madrid, Alcaraz would only need to play one match in Rome to be back at No. 1. The Spaniard can also get back to the top by playing at least one match in Madrid and winning in Rome.

MISCELLANY

WooSox' comeback falls short

In Triple A baseball, **Andres Chaparro** hit a three-run home run and **Jake Bauers** hit a two-run shot in the fifth inning as Scranton/Wilkes-Barre opened an eight-run lead en route to an 8-6 win over the Worcester Red Sox at Polar Park. **Jorge Alfaro** hit a solo shot in the eighth and **Bobby Dalbec** had a two-run double in the ninth, but the WooSox couldn't complete the comeback . . . In Double A, **Ceddanne Rafaela** drove in a run on a fielder's choice in the first and added a solo homer in the sixth, but the Portland Sea Dogs lost, 3-2, at Erie, with **Grant Witherspoon** hitting a two-run homer in the eighth and knocking in the winning on a fielder's choice in the 10th . . . US Olympic long jumper **Tara Davis-Woodhall** served a one-month suspension and had her national indoor title stripped after testing positive earlier this year for the psychoactive compound found in marijuana. The US Anti-Doping Agency announced the penalties Tuesday for the 23-year-old, who finished sixth at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Scoreboard

	WED 4/26	THU 4/27	FRI 4/28	SAT 4/29	SUN 4/30	MON 5/1	TUE 5/2
Red Sox	BAL 1:05 NESN		CLE 7:10 NESN	CLE 4:10 NESN	CLE 1:35 NESN	TOR 7:10 NESN	TOR 7:10 NESN, TBS
Bruins	FLA 7:00 NESN, ESPN		FLA (if nec.) TBA		FLA (if nec.) TBA		
Celtics		ATL (if nec.) TBA NBCSB		ATL (if nec.) TBA NBCSB			
Revolution				CIN 7:30 AppleTV			

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ON THE AIR

BASEBALL

1 p.m.	Boston at Baltimore	NESN
1:10 p.m.	NY Yankees at Minnesota	MLB
3:40 p.m.	Kansas City at Arizona	MLB
6:30 p.m.	Triple A: Scranton/WB at Worcester	NESN+
7:40 p.m.	San Diego at Chicago Cubs	MLB
9:45 p.m.	St. Louis at San Francisco	MLB

NBA PLAYOFFS

7 p.m.	New York at Cleveland	NBA
7:30 p.m.	LA Lakers at Memphis	TNT
9:30 p.m.	Miami at Milwaukee	NBA
10 p.m.	Golden State at Sacramento	TNT

NHL PLAYOFFS

7 p.m.	Florida at Boston	NESN, ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Seattle at Colorado	ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

11 a.m.	ACC quarterfinal: Duke vs. BC	ACC

MEN'S SOCCER

9 p.m.	CONCACAF Champions: LAFC at Phil.	FS1

TENNIS

6 a.m.	ATP: Madrid Open	Tennis

(Schedule subject to change)

Schools

BASEBALL

Drury 7, Mt. Greylock 2
Pope Francis 13, Pittsfield 2
BOSTON CITY
English High 10, New Mission 3
O'Bryant 4, E. Boston 3
CAPE ANN
Ham.-Wenham 5, Triton 4
Lynnfield 5, Ipswich 4
Newburyport 11, Amesbury 1
Pentucket 2, Rockport 1
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Feehan 3, Arlington Cath. 2
Bp. Fenwick 14, Matignon 3
Bp. Stang 4, St. Mary's 1
COLONIAL
Blackstone Valley 15, Monty Tech 0
COMMONWEALTH
Mystic Valley 13, Lynn Tech 3
DUAL COUNTY
Acton-Boxboro 6, Waltham 1
Westford 3, Boston Latin 1
Weston 15, Bedford 5
GREATER BOSTON
Somerville 5, Revere 1
HOCKOMOCK
Franklin 5, North Attleboro 1
MAYFLOWER
Atlantis Charter 11, Avon 0
Blue Hills 10, Tri-County 3
Old Colony 12, Cape Cod Tech 2
South Shore 19, Norfolk Aggie 1
Southeastern 11, Bristol-Plymouth 8
Westport 20, Holbrook 0
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Chelmsford 2, Methuen 1
Dracut 4, Haverhill 3
PATRIOT
Hanover 4, Silver Lake 2
Hingham 8, Quincy 0
Marshfield 5, Scituate 0
N. Quincy 13, Duxbury 6
Plymouth South 1, Plymouth North 0
Whit.-Hanson 7, Pembroke 1
SWCL
Quaboag 12, David Prouty 5
NONLEAGUE
Bourne 12, Monomoy 0
Keefe Tech 6, Worcester North 5
Nashoba 4, St. Paul 3
Oakmont 11, N. Middlesex 0
Shawsheen 7, Saugus 4
Westwood 11, Brockton 0
Worcester South 8, St. Bernard's 5

LACROSSE

BOYS
Pope Francis 12, Minnechaug 6
BAY STATE
Milton 15, Braintree 6
Natick 9, Brookline 1
Needham 11, Newton North 4
Wellesley 10, Framingham 6
CAPE & ISLANDS
Falmouth Acad. 4, St. John Paul II 3
Sandwich 13, Nantucket 4
CAPE ANN
Newburyport 12, Ipswich 3
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
BC High 15, Xaverian 7
Cath. Memorial 10, St. John's (S) 4
St. John's Prep 14, Malden Cath. 1
COLONIAL
Assabet 18, Monty Tech 5
DUAL COUNTY
Acton-Boxboro 16, Weston 4
Concord-Carlisle 12, Newton South 5
Waltham 12, Cambridge 7
Wayland 10, Boston Latin 7
Westford 15, Bedford 3
HOCKOMOCK
Foxboro 12, Milford 6
MAYFLOWER
Bristol-Plymouth 10, Cape Cod Tech 3
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Billerica 20, Tewksbury 3
Central Cath. 14, Lowell 2
N. Andover 11, Methuen 1
MID-MASS.
Grafton 16, Auburn 1
MID-WACH
Algonquin 18, Westboro 2
Groton-Dunstable 11, Wachusett 6
Nashoba 15, Leominster 13
Oakmont 19, Hudson 3
MIDDLESEX
Winchester 7, Belmont 4
NORTHEASTERN
Danvers 17, Gloucester 12
Marblehead 11, Masconomet 10 (OT)
SOUTH SHORE
Abington 20, Middleboro 3
Cohasset 20, E. Bridgewater 6
Norwell 16, Mashpee 2
Rockland 17, Hull 5
NONLEAGUE
Dracut 8, Lynnfield 7
Essex Tech 10, Wilmington 9 (OT)
Franklin 19, Bp. Feehan 11
Lynn 10, Salem 4
Taunton 12, Norton 3
Winthrop 11, Northeast 2
GIRLS
BAY STATE
Braintree 9, Milton 7
Natick 11, Brookline 6
Needham 17, Newton North 9
Wellesley 18, Framingham 3
Weymouth 12, Walpole 10
CAPE ANN
Newburyport 16, Ipswich 4
DUAL COUNTY
Acton-Boxboro 17, Weston 15
Concord-Carlisle 18, Newton South 1
Wayland 13, Boston Latin 3
Westford 19, Bedford 14
GREATER BOSTON
Somerville 5, Medford 4
HOCKOMOCK
Foxboro 16, Milford 3
Franklin 20, North Attleboro 3
King Philip 17, Mansfield 7
Oliver Ames 15, Sharon 7
MAYFLOWER
Tri-County 9, Bristol-Plymouth 8
Upper Cape 15, Southeastern 3
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Billerica 15, Tewksbury 5
Central Cath. 19, Lowell 1
Chelmsford 13, Haverhill 3
MID-WACH
Leominster 20, Nashoba 14
MIDDLESEX
Winchester 14, Belmont 13
NORTHEASTERN
Masconomet 11, Marblehead 9
SOUTH SHORE
Cohasset 17, E. Bridgewater 1
Middleboro 14, Abington 2
Norwell 16, Mashpee 1
NONLEAGUE
Attleboro 18, Stoughton 4
Lynnfield 13, Malden Cath. 11
N. Quincy 15, Latin Acad. 1
Notre Dame (H) 16, Westwood 11

SOFTBALL

Amherst-Pelham 14, Renaissance 0
McCann Tech 15, Hoosac Valley 6
Mohawk Trail 15, Smith Academy 2
Springfield Central 7, Ware 6
BOSTON CITY
Brighton 14, Boston Int'l. 12
CAPE ANN
Newburyport 16, Ham.-Wenham 0
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Abp. Williams 16, Card. Spellman 2
B. Feehan 16, Arlington Cath. 3
B. Fenwick 12, St. Joe Prep/Matigon 0
St. Mary's 5, Bp. Stang 0
COLONIAL
Monty Tech 12, Assabet 3
COMMONWEALTH
Gr. Lawrence 12, KIPP Academy 1
Lowell Cath. 13, Northeast 0
Whittier 6, Shawsheen 0
DUAL COUNTY
Bedford 9, Acton-Boxboro 1
GREATER BOSTON
Lynn Classical 20, Chelsea 2
HOCKOMOCK
Oliver Ames 6, Canton 4
MAYFLOWER
Bristol Aggie 21, Upper Cape 5
Norfolk Aggie 17, South Shore 11
Old Colony 18, Cape Cod Tech 5
Southeastern 7, Bristol-Plymouth 3
Tri-County 9, Blue Hills 5
Westport 7, Holbrook 3
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Central Cath. 18, Lawrence 2
Chelmsford 10, Dracut 0
NORTHEASTERN
Swampscott 6, Winthrop 5
PATRIOT
Hingham 24, Quincy 1
Marshfield 17, Scituate 6
N. Quincy 7, Duxbury 1
Pembroke 5, Whit.-Hanson 0
Plymouth North 11, Plymouth South 1
Silver Lake 12, Hanover 0
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 14, Old Rochester 2
SOUTHEAST
Bridge.-Raynham 5, Durfee 1
NONLEAGUE
Adv. Math & Sci. 2, Hopedale 1
Blackstone-Millville 12, Quaboag 0
Bourne 5, Monomoy 3
Carver 13, Dennis-Yarmouth 1
Doherty 9, Shepherd Hill 3
E. Boston 25, Revere 24
Leominster 15, Oakmont 9
Notre Dame (H) 9, Rockland 8
Notre Dame (W) 8, Nipmuc 2
Randolph 21, Roxbury Prep 11
W. Boylston 1, Millis 0
Worcester South 19, Sutton 3

TENNIS

BOYS
CAPE & ISLANDS
Monomoy 3, Sandwich 2
CAPE ANN
Newburyport 3, Ipswich 2
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Fenwick 4, Arlington Cath. 1
DUAL COUNTY
Weston 4, Wayland 1
HOCKOMOCK
Attleboro 5, Franklin 0
MIDDLESEX
Lexington 5, Winchester 0
Wilmington 4, Melrose 1
PATRIOT
Duxbury 5, N. Quincy 0
Hanover 3, Silver Lake 2
Hingham 5, Quincy 0
Plymouth South 3, Plymouth North 2
Scituate 5, Marshfield 0
Whit.-Hanson 4, Pembroke 1
SOUTH COAST
Bourne 3, Seekonk 2
Old Rochester 5, Joseph Case 0
Somerset Berkley 5, Digh.-Rehoboth 0
SOUTHEAST
Bridge.-Raynham 4, New Bedford 1
Durfee 5, Brockton 0
TRI-VALLEY
Hopkinton 5, Ashland 0
NONLEAGUE
Apponequet 5, Dartmouth 0
Bp. Stang 4, Diman 1
Dover-Sherborn 5, Hopedale 0
Gloucester 4, St. Mary's 1
Lynn Classical 4, Salem 1
Marblehead 4, Ham.-Wenham 1
Shrewsbury 4, Bedford 1
GIRLS
CAPE & ISLANDS
Monomoy 5, Sandwich 0
CAPE ANN
Ham.-Wenham 5, Rockport 0
Newburyport 5, Ipswich 0
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Feehan 5, Abp. Williams 0
Bp. Fenwick 5, Arlington Cath. 0
Card. Spellman 4, St. Mary's 1
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
Ursuline 5, Mt. Alvernia 0
DUAL COUNTY
Weston 5, Wayland 0
HOCKOMOCK
Franklin 4, Attleboro 1
MERRIMACK VALLEY
Methuen 3, Central Cath. 2
MID-WACH
Hudson 3, N. Middlesex 2
Wachusett 4, Leominster 1
MIDDLESEX
Arlington 5, Reading 0
Lexington 5, Winchester 0
Wilmington 3, Melrose 2
NORTHEASTERN
Masconomet 5, Salem 0
PATRIOT
Duxbury 4, N. Quincy 1
Hingham 5, Quincy 0
Pembroke 4, Whit.-Hanson 1
Plymouth North 5, Plymouth South 0
Silver Lake 4, Hanover 1
SOUTH COAST
Somerset Berkley 4, Digh.-Rehoboth 1
SOUTHEAST
Bridge.-Raynham 5, New Bedford 0
Durfee 5, Brockton 0
SWCL
Quaboag 5, David Prouty 0
NONLEAGUE
Andover 4, Newton South 1
Bp. Stang 5, Diman 0
Bromfield 5, Quabbin 0
Dartmouth 3, Apponequet 2
Littleton 4, Marlborough 1

GOLF

GIRLS
PATRIOT
Duxbury 6, Silver Lake 0
Quincy 3½, Cohasset 2½
NONLEAGUE
Bp. Feehan 174, Walpole 192
Notre Dame (H) 6, Card. Spellman 0

Latest line

NBA
Wednesday

Favorite	Pts.	Underdog
At Cleveland	5½	New York
At Memphis	4	LA Lakers
At Milwaukee	11	Miami
Golden State	1½	at Sacramento

NHL

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Line
At Boston	-250	Florida	+200
At Colorado	-185	Seattle	+155

Transactions

MLB
Arizona: CF Jake McCarthy sent to minors. 3B Emmanuel Rivera called up from minors.
Atlanta: P Danny Young sent to minors. 2B Nick Solak called up from minors. P Collin McHugh removed from 15-day IL.
LA Dodgers: 2B Michael Busch called up from minors. P Jake Reed outrighted to minors. P Evan Phillips reinstated from bereavement/family medical emergency list.
Miami: P Sean Nolin designated for assignment. P Bryan Hoeing purchased from minors.
Minnesota: P Trevor Megill designated for assignment. P Brock Stewart purchased from minors.
NY Yankees: P Greg Weissert sent to minors. P Nick Ramirez purchased from minors.
Oakland: P James Kaprielian sent to minors. P Luis Medina called up from minors.
Pittsburgh: CF Bryan Reynolds signed.
Tampa Bay: P Taj Bradley, 2B Vidal Bruján sent to minors.
NBA
Atlanta: Guard Dejounte Murray league suspension.
NFL
Carolina: S Sam Franklin Jr. re-signed/rest FA.
Cincinnati: QB Joe Burrow team exercises option.
Minnesota: WR Justin Jefferson team exercises option.
Tampa Bay: T Tristan Wirfs team exercises option.
NHL
Colorado: D Cale Makar suspended.
Toronto: LW Michael Bunting suspension over.

Baseball

TRIPLE-A: INTERNATIONAL

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Scranton/W.-Barre 8, at Worcester 6
Memphis 11, at Durham 5
Lehigh Valley 6, at Jacksonville 2
Buffalo 2, at Gwinnett 1
St. Paul 14, at Rochester 1
Syracuse (ppd.), at Toledo
Norfolk 9, at Charlotte 5
At Indianapolis 10, Columbus 4
At Nashville 8, Omaha 3
Louisville 9, at Iowa 4
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Scranton/W.-Barre at Worcester, 6:45
Syracuse at Toledo, 11:05a
Norfolk at Charlotte, 11:05a
Louisville at Iowa, 1:08
Columbus at Indianapolis, 1:35
St. Paul at Rochester, 6:05
Memphis at Durham, 6:35
Buffalo at Gwinnett, 7:05
Omaha at Nashville, 7:05
Lehigh Valley at Jacksonville, 7:05

Scranton/W.-Barre, 8-6

At Polar Park, Worcester

SCRANT/W-B	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Florial rf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.278
Bader cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.000
Hermosillo cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.160
Dunham lf	4	1	0	0	1	3	.243
Chaparro 1b	4	1	1	3	0	2	.228
Westbrok 2b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.279
Bauers dh	3	2	1	2	1	1	.333
Duran c	4	1	1	3	0	1	.295
Bastidas 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.197
Difo ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.226
Totals	34	8	6	8	5	11	

WORCESTER	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Hamilton ss	4	0	0	1	0	1	.333
Dalbec 3b	5	0	1	2	0	2	.217
Abreu lf	2	0	1	0	3	1	.188
Alfaro c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.300
Palka dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.193
Goodrum 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.267
Allen cf	4	2	2	0	0	2	.242
Fitzgerald rf	4	2	2	2	0	0	.295
Sogard 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.294
Totals	36	6	10	6	3	10	

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Worcester.....000 030 012 — 6 10 2

LOB—Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 4, Worcester 7. 2B—Bastidas, Westbrook, Dalbec, Fitzgerald, Abreu. HR—Bauers, Chaparro, Duran, Alfaro. SB—Florial, Bader. DP—Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 2.

Scrant/W-B	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Weber	5⅔	6	3	3	2	5	6.04
McGarity	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	1.54
Garcia	1⅔	2	3	2	0	3	2.87
Norwood	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	5.00

Worcester	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Paxton	4⅓	3	5	4	4	5	10.3
Broadway	1⅔	3	3	3	0	2	7.00
Booser	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	11.4
Thompson	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	6.75
Sherriff	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.12

HBP—by Garcia. T—2:35. A—6,476.

DOUBLE-A: EASTERN

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
At Erie 3, Portland 2
At Reading 11, Altoona 5
At Binghamton 7, Akron 5
Richmond 4, at Bowie 2
Somerset 5, at Harrisburg 2
Hartford 5 (susp.), at New Hamp. 3

Schools

TRACK

BOYS
HOCKOMOCK
Franklin 80, King Philip 56
Mansfield 92, Foxboro 42
Oliver Ames 84, Sharon 52
Stoughton 91, Canton 46
MAYFLOWER
W. Bridgewater 76½, Diman 59½
W. Bridgewater 112, South Shore 24
PATRIOT
Marshfield 120, Whit.-Hanson 16
Plymouth South 73, Pembroke 62
NONLEAGUE
Blue Hills 122, S. Shore Christian 10
GIRLS
HOCKOMOCK
Franklin 98, King Philip 38
Mansfield 103, Foxboro 33
Oliver Ames 94, Sharon 40
Stoughton 77, Canton 59
MAYFLOWER
Southeastern 81, Blue Hills 55
W. Bridgewater 124, South Shore 6
PATRIOT
Pembroke 72, Plymouth South 64
TRI-VALLEY
Dedham 80, Norton 54
Hopkinton 79, Westwood 57

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS
BAY STATE
Natick 3, Braintree 0
Needham 3, Wellesley 0
Newton North 3, Brookline 2
MIDDLESEX
Burlington 3, Woburn 1
Winchester 3, Wakefield 0
TRI-VALLEY
Bellingham 3, Millis 0
NONLEAGUE
Madison Park 3, Boston Collegiate 1
N. Middlesex 3, Lynn Tech 0
St. John's Prep 3, Wayland 0
Taunton 3, Norton 0

Schools

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL NOTEBOOK

Burlington's Imbimbo is a great mentor to all

By Julia Yohe
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Growing up sharing a sport with your sibling means having a built-in practice partner.

It also means waiting for someone else before you can get out the door for practice — or at least it does for **Cece Imbimbo** and her younger sister, **Liv**.

"[Liv is] a little late sometimes," joked Cece Imbimbo, a senior ace for Burlington. "I kind of have to kick her out of the house."

The first in her family to play softball, Cece started in second grade, playing on local rec teams for six years and joining the varsity team as a freshman.

Though the sisters play on different teams — Liv is a sophomore shortstop at Shawsheen Valley Tech in Billerica — they find time to run drills together in their yard at home, pushing each other to be the best they can.

"It's nice to have the ability to go outside and just play catch with [Liv] whenever," Cece said. "We have a batting cage at my house, so me and her will go outside, play catch . . . It's a lot of fun having a sister younger than me that I can just work with. She looks up to me, so I just like to be a leader for her."

Last fall, Cece and Liv traveled to Atlanta with their travel club, the Concord Raiders, to play in a college showcase. For the siblings, the rare opportunity to play on the same team is an exciting one.

"We don't often get to play together . . . so moments like that are special for Livi and I," the elder Imbimbo said.

On her own at Burlington, the senior pitcher is taking her final season by storm.

"[Cece's] just a phenomenal kid," Burlington coach **Kristen Farrell** said. "She would do anything for her team . . . Something needs to be done? She's your kid to do it."

And get things done she does.

A steady presence wherever she is on the field, the 5-foot-10-inch Imbimbo starts each inning with composure, pitching with staggering speed, and is adept at fielding her position.

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Burlington senior righthander Cece Imbimbo (above) passed on her love of softball to her sister Liv, a sophomore shortstop at Shawsheen.

A three-year starter, the hard-throwing righthander has been dazzling this spring: a 9-0 record with a 0.91 earned run average with 111 strikeouts and seven walks in 54 innings. She has yielded 28 hits. At the plate, she is hitting .344 with with two doubles, three triples, and 15 RBIs.

On Monday at Middlesex League rival Wilmington, Imbimbo struck out 15 and allowed one hit: a seventh-inning homer in a 6-1 victory. In the fifth inning, Wilmington's **Julia Archer** cracked a ball up the center of the diamond, only to watch it be snuffed out by Imbimbo's quick glove.

With such performances, it's no wonder the Red Devils elected her cocaptain alongside senior third baseman **Cassidy Soohoo**.

Cece Imbimbo stepped into her leadership role with the same confidence and strength she carries into the circle, mentoring underclassmen during practice, after games, even off the field — just as she does at home with Liv.

"On the bench, she's getting everybody up. She leads the cheers every game," said sophomore pitcher **Alyssa Matarazzo**. "She gives speeches after each game, letting us know what we should work on and what we did amazing, and at practice she's telling everyone what to do and just being such a good leader."

As the player who likely will take over the leadership role after Imbimbo graduates, Matarazzo looks to Imbimbo for advice not just on pitching, but on composure.

"No matter what the situation is in the game, Cece's always so focused and ready to go," Matarazzo said. "I try to replicate almost everything she does, but especially just being so calm when she's up there."

Having so many people look up to you might be a burden for some athletes, but for Imbimbo, it's a motivator.

"I realized early on that mental toughness would be the biggest factor for success," Imbimbo said. "I know there's a lot of pressure on pitchers, but there isn't a better feeling than helping your team win."

In the fall, Imbimbo is headed to Merrimack, where she will pitch for the Division 1 Warriors. But until she trades her red and blue uniform for blue and gold, Farrell is soaking in every last moment of Cece Imbimbo.

"Not only does she bring an extremely positive attitude every single day ... she gets it done for us," Farrell said. "Our team is not the team we have without her. Period."

Extra bases

■ On the bus following an 8-2 victory over Saugus on Monday, Pentucket coach **Deb Smith** broke the news that sophomore pitcher **Molly LeBel** had eclipsed 300 career strikeouts.

The players, overcome with emotion, mobbed LeBel in celebration.

After posting an eye-opening 209 strikeouts as a freshman, LeBel has been a catalyst behind the Panthers' 7-2 start, posting a 1.52 ERA and 96 strikeouts for an upstart squad. LeBel relies on high velocity and uncanny movement, but honed her command to unlock her potential.

"She is the hardest worker on my team and up there with one of the hardest workers I've ever coached," said Smith. "She wants to be the best that can be. She's never satisfied."

The Panthers outscore opponents by more than 10 runs per game, supplementing LeBel's strong work with healthy run support. Senior first basemen **Sid Pachette** (.594 batting average, 12 RBIs), senior second baseman **Nikki Mitchell** (.543 batting average, 20 RBIs), and sophomore shortstop **Kayla Murphy** (.429 batting average, 2 home runs, 15 RBIs) pace an emerging attack at the plate. Contributions from senior right fielder **Mel LaCroix** (.423), sophomore center fielder **Kendra Griffin** (.429), and sophomore third baseman **Jocelyn Bickford** (.467) provide balance.

"It's light years away from what they were last year," said Smith. "A lot of it is coming from our senior class, their leadership plus the sophomore class is absolutely crushing it. A big part of it is that they are inseparable. They are best friends and want each other to succeed."

■ Needham junior **Maddie Baker** crushed a pair of home runs, including a walkoff blast well over the center-field fence, to lift the Rockets (2-4) to their first win of the season, 3-1 against Franklin. The long ball was again crucial in their next game, as freshman **Kaitlyn Cheng** launched her first career homer in a 7-5 victory in Bay State Conference action against Newton North.

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Globe Top 20

No.		Rec.	Last
1.	Taunton	7-0	1
2.	King Philip	8-0	2
3.	Billerica	9-0	3
4.	Central Catholic	5-1	4
5.	Burlington	9-0	6
6.	Joseph Case	8-0	7
7.	Middleborough	6-0	8
8.	Peabody	6-1	10
9.	Methuen	5-1	5
10.	Tewksbury	4-2	11
11.	North Attleborough	6-2	9
12.	St. Mary's	7-0	15
13.	Bridgewater-Raynham	6-1	13
14.	Dighton-Rehoboth	7-3	12
15.	Silver Lake	6-1	20
16.	Reading	7-2	14
17.	Woburn	7-1	19
18.	Amesbury	6-1	16
19.	Lincoln-Sudbury	6-1	—
20.	Walpole	5-1	—

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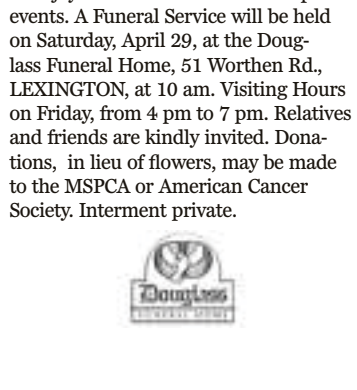

Of Lexington, on April 20, 2023, at the age of 59. Beloved husband of Stephanie; and loving father of Connor James. He is survived by parents, William and Floris Gilbert of Buckhannon, WV and Ruskin, FL; and sisters, Sharon Romano (husband John) of Indian Land, SC and Becky Epperson (husband Brent) of Tampa, FL and many nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Buckhannon-Upshur High School and earned a B.S. in nuclear engineering from Excelsior College. His military career spanned 6 yrs. in the Navy and 24 yrs. in the Coast Guard, 14 yrs at sea!. His later work included circuit tech production, project management and logistics. He liked martial arts & his favorite Krav Maga, to fish on cold faraway jaunts & to enjoy his son's fife & drum troupe events. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 29, at the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd., LEXINGTON, at 10 am. Visiting Hours on Friday, from 4 pm to 7 pm. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the MSPCA or American Cancer Society. Interment private.

HUNTER, James R.

Of Medfield, April 24, 2023. Beloved husband of Marianne (Boris) Hunter. Devoted father of Katherine H. Bradford and her husband, Jordan of Ft. Knox, KY, Caroline M. Hunter and her wife, Erin of Attleboro and Jonathan J. Hunter and his wife, Lauryn of Marietta, GA. Loving grandfather of Hunter, Harper, Holden, Raeya, Lennon and the late Hailey. Brother of Andrew M. Hunter of Huntingdon, PA and Diana H. Anderson of Huntingdon, PA.

James was a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1972 and retired as a banker in the financial district in Boston.

Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 1305 Highland Ave., NEEDHAM, Friday, April 28, at 8am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Susanna Church, Dedham, at 9am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Visiting Hours on Thursday, April 27, from 4-7pm. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery, Needham. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in James's memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741. For online guestbook, gfdoherty.com

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LITTLE-PORTER, Myra E.

Of Lexington, Massachusetts, died, on Thursday morning, April 20, concluding a seven-year struggle with cancer. Myra's parents were Warren T. Little and Irene Overholt Little, longtime residents of Wickliffe, Ohio. She earned a BFA from Capital University in Columbus, then an MFA in musical performance and teacher certification from the University of Cincinnati. Myra played French horn professionally and taught music for Worcester Public Schools for 10 years. While playing in local orchestras, she met engineer and clarinetist, John Porter. Married in 1981, the couple embarked on a four-decade journey of adventure and discovery, traveling to 77 countries. At 35, with guidance from John, she changed to a successful career in computer programming and IT project management, later retiring from IBM. As they traveled, Myra's passion for photography blossomed and resulted in publication by Smithsonian Journeys as well as calendars and a book of her photographs and poetry. Myra is survived by her husband, John Porter; brother, John Little and an extended family of several generations. Celebration of Life Service on Friday, April 28, 10:30 AM, at Douglass Funeral Home, LEXINGTON, with Visitation at 10:00, and after service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

McGAUGH, Claire M. (Pion)

Of Stoughton, formerly of Mattapan, passed away, on April 24, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Edward P. McGaugh. Mother of Reverend Philip E. McGaugh, Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Randolph, Rita M. Mobilia and her husband, Joseph of CA, Diane D. Norris and her husband, Paul of Quincy and Donna I. Hoadley and her husband, Alan of Stoughton. Sister of Victor A. Pion of Worcester, Alice R. Vandal of Webster, Irene L. Mayo of Rochdale, the late Leona A. Mayo, Doris E. Mayo and Leo F. Pion. Also survived by six grandchildren. Visiting Hours will be held at Dockray and Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington St., CANTON, Thursday, April 27, from 4-7 pm. Funeral Mass at St. Mary's in Randolph, Friday, 10:30 a.m. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Stoughton. For complete obituary, see www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com

CHRISTIE, Jacqueline M.

Of Stoneham, April 19, 2023. Born in Malden and raised in Stoneham, she was the daughter of the late Earl N. and Dorothy F. (Taylor) Christie, Sr.

She was the sister of the late Earl N. Christie, Jr., Donna G. (Christie) Clark of Michigan, the late Daniel J. Christie, Sharon J. Christie of Stoneham and the late Thomas C. Christie. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Marie T. Christie and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral from the Anderson-Bryant Funeral Home, 4 Common St., STONEHAM, Monday, May 1, at 9 am, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10am, at St. Patrick Church, Central St., Stoneham. Visitation at the funeral home on Sunday, April 30, 4-7pm.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Stoneham Business Community Education Foundation, P.O. Box 408, Stoneham, MA 02180.

CURTIS, Jeanne M. (McGovern)

Of Milton and Osterville, passed away peacefully, on April 23, 2023. Beloved wife of 67 years to the late Gerald R. Curtis. She was the loving mother of Paul and Janet (Lawler) Curtis of Milton, Ann (Curtis) and Timothy Weithers of Western Springs, Illinois, David and Susann (Ponte) Curtis of Milton, John and Christina (Dickerson) Curtis of Milton, Alan Curtis and Gail Eagan of Boston. She was also the proud grandmother of sixteen grandchildren.

Visitation at the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Saint Elizabeth's Church in Milton, on Friday, April 28, 2023, 11:30am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment in Milton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jeanne's memory to The Carroll Center for the Blind. https://carroll.org/donate/

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HEWITT, Deborah

Passed away peacefully on February 9th, 2023.

Deborah, "Deb" or "Debbie", grew up in Dorchester and was a graduate of Fontbonne Academy class of 1969. Deb enjoyed making dolls and stuffed animals for her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Most of all, Deb loved being a mother to her two sons and a grandmother to her four grandchildren.

Devoted mother of Jim Haggerty of Woburn and Stephan Haggerty of Avon. Loving "grandma" of Megan, Jason, Alyson and Ryan Haggerty of Woburn. Loving sister of Anne McAndrews and her husband, John of Larchmont, NY, Barbara Feeney and her late husband, Joe of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, Margaret Ahlquist and her husband, Steve of Natick, William Hewitt and his wife, Janet of Quincy, Susan Ferrante and her husband, Rick of Foxboro, Lisa Hewitt-Dick and her husband, Michael of Cohasset and Frances McDermott and her husband, Dennis of Marston Mills. Loving aunt and great-aunt of many cherished nieces and nephews.

Beloved daughter of the late William H. and Muriel Hewitt of Quincy.

The family of Deborah Hewitt wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks for all your kind expressions and prayers during our time of sorrow.

A Graveside Service will be held at Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams Street, Dorchester, Saturday, April 29, at 11:00 AM. Family and friends invited.

KENNEDY, Mary (McGowan)

Age 101, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester, Ireland and England, April 21, 2023. Wife of the late Denis Kennedy. Mother of Anne Kennedy Speidel and her husband, Robert of Forest, Virginia, Kathleen Kennedy of Toulouse, France, Mary Gabrielle Kennedy and her husband, Brian Kendrew of East Bridgewater, Patrick Kennedy and his wife, Linda of Braintree, Denis Kennedy and his wife, Nana of Newburyport and the late Michael J. Kennedy. Also survived by seven grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends in the U.S., Ireland and England. Born on a farm outside Tubbercurry, County Sligo, Ireland on March 4, 1922, Mary trained as a nurse at Nottingham General Hospital in England and practiced in the U.K. before her marriage in 1947. She and her family lived in Dublin for more than nine years before emigrating to the U.S. in 1958. She worked at Mass General Hospital before leaving nursing to raise her family, first in Dorchester, then in Quincy. Mary was active in many Irish-American organizations, including Irish Northern Aid and enjoyed Irish music and dance all her life. Mary was a longtime Boston Bruins fan and is surely rooting from above for a Stanley Cup win this year.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the Visiting Hours on Thursday, 4-8 PM, in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., QUINCY. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home, at 9:15 AM, on Friday, prior to the Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Quincy, at 10 AM. Burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to Norwell Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061 or to Quincy Animal Shelter, 440 R East, Squantum St., Quincy, MA 02171. See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

LYNCH, Anne E.

Age 82, of Scituate, MA, passed away, Monday, April 24, 2023. She was the wife of the late Harold "Happy" Lynch. Daughter to the late Anthony and Anne Gibbons. Loving mother of Michael Lynch and his wife, Monique of Hingham, Anne Isberg of Norwood, Paul Lynch and his wife, Meridith of Marshfield, Linda Lynch of Weymouth and Brian Lynch and his wife, Tami of Scituate. Cherished grandmother of Kelsey, Nicolas, Casey, Robbie, Sean, Brandon, Justin, Aylish, Maiti, Lily, Brennan; and her great-grandchildren, Phoebe and Oliver. Beloved sister to Mary and Jim Gullage, Leo Gibbons and his wife, Lorraine and the late Bill Gibbons and Jim Gibbons. She will be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Anne was blessed with the biggest sense of humor, always laughing in her presence. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 4 pm-8 pm at Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road, SCITUATE. A Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 10 am, from St. Mary of the Nativity Church, 1 Kent Street, Scituate. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org Words of comfort can be left at www.richardsongaffeyfuneralhome.com

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McGUIRE, John B. "Wheatie"

Age 67, of Harwich, formerly of Dedham, passed, unexpectedly, on April 20, 2023. Loving husband of Susan (Cameron) McGuire. Cherished son of the late Lofts J. (Mickey) and Jean McGuire of Dedham. Beloved dad of Matthew McGuire of Norfolk, Jessica McGuire of Weymouth and Owen McGuire of Dorchester; and stepchildren, Jeanette Kniolek of Taunton and Peter Cameron of Norwood. Brother of Jeffrey McGuire and his wife, Barbara of Harwich, Jay McGuire and his wife, Sandra of Norfolk and the late James L. McGuire, MD and his wife, Linda of Westborough. John also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins; and his grandchildren, William and Sloane McGuire.

Relatives and friends are welcome to pay their respects on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 11am-1pm, at the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, MA, with a service starting at 1pm. Burial at Brookdale Cemetery. For full obituary, please visit www.gfdoherty.com

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CONROY, Mildred Irene Armstrong (Jordan)

Age 103, of Waltham. Visiting Hours on Wednesday, April 26, 11:30 am to 12 pm. Memorial Service in Celebration of her Life in the Residential Lounge and Library located on the 4th Floor, 174 Moody Street, Waltham, MA. Burial will be held immediately after at Mt. Feake Cemetery, located at 203 Prospect St., Waltham. For complete obituary, guestbook and additional information, please refer to

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GERBRANDS, Joanne Marie

Of Amesbury, formerly of Burlington. April 23, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Loving mother to Janet Wetzonis & husband, Joe of Melbourne, FL, Elaine Zimmermann & husband, Dan of Standish, ME, David Gerbrands of Boston and Sheryl Gerbrands of Newport, TN. Cherished granny to Sean, Lauren, Paul, Ann Marie, Thomas and Daniel. Dear sister to Richard, Ginny, Janet, Linda, and the late Robert Guidoboni. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, April 27, from 4 to 7, at the Edward V. Sullivan Funeral Home, 43 Winn Street, BURLINGTON. Memorial Service on Friday, April 28, at 10 AM, at St. Malachy's Church, 99 Bedford Street, Burlington. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Joanne's name may be made to Dana Farber at www.dana-farber.org For online guestbook, obituary, service info and tribute video, please visit www.sullivanfuneralhome.net

HILL, Deirdre S.

Age 65, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Born and raised in Arlington, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Barbara (Toomey) Hill.

Services are private and at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the care of Kelly Cremation and Funeral Care, 154 Lincoln Street, WORCESTER.

To share a memory and view the complete obituary please visit www.kellycremation.com

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MANGANIELLO, Ralph B. Jr.

Age 85, of Medfield, April 23, 2023. Beloved husband of Eleanor A. (Duhaime) Manganiello. Loving father of Kathy C. Murray, Ralph R., and Richard R. Manganiello. Also survived by five grandchildren. Visiting Hours at Eaton Funeral Home, 1351 Highland Ave., NEEHDAM, on Thursday, from 4-7 pm. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Parish, 1360 Highland Ave., Needham on Friday at 11 am. Interment with Military Honors at Vine Lake Cemetery in Medfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ralph's name may be made to the ASPCA (aspca.org). For full obituary, directions or to share a memory of Ralph, please visit eatonfuneralhomes.com

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MIRABILE, Joseph P.

Of Yarmouth Port, MA, passed away peacefully on April 21, 2023. He was the son of Nicolo and Francesca Mirabile. He was predeceased by his sister, Rose; and brothers, Nicolo and Anthony. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Anita; and his four children, sons, Joseph and wife, Barbara-Jean and their children, Joseph and his wife Simone, Thomas and his wife Chloé and Katherine, Nicholas and wife, Diane and their children, Dillon and Tara; daughter Elizabeth Griminger and husband, Andrew, and their children, Paul Joseph, Michael and Bridget; son Mark and wife Catherine and their children, Mia, Cecilia and Grace. He was also a proud uncle to many nephews and nieces. Joe was an active alumnus of the great Boston College Class of 1957, who, along with his wife, traveled extensively with classmates on vacations to Bermuda, the Caribbean and several European countries. Whether for business or pleasure, he visited China, the Middle East, northern Africa, and most of Europe including Anita's ancestral home in Ireland. He especially enjoyed trips with his children and grandchildren to visit the birthplace of his parents and grandparents in Italy and Sicily. Joe served proudly as an officer in the U.S. Navy for five years Active and 20 years as a Reservist, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. He received a commission as an Ensign upon graduation from OCS in Newport in 1957, and returned there as an instructor in 1962 after he and Anita were married. After his naval service, Joe had a distinguished 30 year career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Joe enjoyed golf at the Kings Way Golf Club. He volunteered at the Yarmouthport Food Pantry and enjoyed membership with friends in the Cape Cod Genealogy Club of America. Through the years, Joe enjoyed planting his tomatoes, tennis, sailing, military history, biographies, making wine and collecting antique clocks. He was a member of the Yarmouth Republican Town Committee and in 2018, Joe was a delegate to GOP Convention in Worcester, MA. He was a member of the Boston College Club of Cape Cod, and served as a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of the Cape Parish in Brewster. Friends are invited to call at the Lane Funeral Home, Main Street, WINCHESTER, MA on April 28, 2023, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church on April 29th at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at the Wildwood Cemetery in Winchester, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to CURE SMA via donate-curesma.donordrive.com

O'BRIEN, Mary L. (Sullivan)

Age 98, loving wife of the late Paul T. O'Brien, passed away peacefully at her summer home, April 22, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Saint Elizabeth Church, 350 Reedsdale Road, Milton, Friday, April 28 at 10:00 AM. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting Hours at Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Avenue, EAST MILTON SQUARE, Thursday, April 27 from 4-8 PM. Interment private. For full obituary or to leave the O'Brien family a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com

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RAMSEY, Gordon Parker

Age 84, of Chattahoochee Hills, GA, formerly of Wellesley, Millis, and Gloucester, passed peacefully on April 21.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Linda Lanier Ramsey; his children, Laura C. Ramsey (Edmund Bathelt) of Northbrook, IL, and Nokomis, FL, Thomas M. Ramsey (Rowena Saura) of Vienna, VA, John H. Ramsey II (Sue) of Natick, MA, F. Parker Ramsey (Faithe) of Long Beach, NY, Gardner Powell of Tucson, AZ, Jennifer Powell of Chattahoochee Hills, GA, Susanna Powell of Chattahoochee Hills, GA, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, John David Powell of Essex Junction, VT; and 14 grandchildren.

Gordon was a graduate of Wellesley High School (1957), Trinity College (1961), and Boston University School of Law (1964). He practiced law at several firms before starting his own firm, Ramsey & Murray, PC. He specialized in labor relations and served as chief outside counsel for the National Agency of Government Employees (NAGE).

He and Linda partnered to raise racehorses in Massachusetts and Georgia. During the 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics, they hosted equestrian teams from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico at their farm. He was the first executive director of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association and a key lobbyist in securing legislation to fund the breeders' program.

Gordon grew up spending summers on Wingaersheek Beach, and continued the tradition for his family, never missing the opportunity to host a big Woodman's clambake. An avid Boston sports fan, he proudly displayed his Patriots flag at his Georgia home following their famous Super Bowl comeback against the Falcons.

A Funeral and celebration of Gordon's very well-lived life will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 1 pm, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 576 Roscoe Rd., Newnan, GA.

SILVERLEIB, Ira

Of Westwood, MA, entered into rest on April 25, 2023, at the age of 84.

Beloved husband of Rhoda (Brown) for almost 54 years. Devoted father of Adam Silverleib and his wife Maureen, and Alan Silverleib and his wife Julie Becker. Dear son of the late Morris and Eva (Burchman) Silverleib. Loving brother of Lynn Kobey and her husband, David. Cherished grandfather of Abigail, Matthew, Rebecca, and Anna.

Funeral Services on Wednesday, April 26th at 2:00 PM at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 475 Washington Street, Canton, MA. Interment at Sharon Memorial Park. Services will be livestreamed at https://tinyurl.com/Ira-Silverleib

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to Congregation Sha'aray Shalom at www.shaaray.org, or Angell Animal Medical Center at www.mspca.org

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THRASHER, Peter

Blessed with intelligence, creativity and a zest for life, Peter packed many accomplishments into his too short life. Never bored, he was a musician and author, movie buff and intrepid traveler. Master of all things Lego. He was a proud professional chef and restaurateur.

As a children's librarian, he arranged a meeting place for teens at the library and created and built a Sensory Wall for all ages. He leaves his wife Erica Gorn; and his greatest legacy, his adored sons, Henry and Noah of Truro; his mother, Jody Thrasher of Newton; and his sister, Meghan of Brighton as well as a host of family and lifelong friends.

Any contributions in his memory will be used to finish his Sensory Wall. Send to Peter's Sensory Wall, c/o Friends of the Truro Library, P.O. Box 357, North Truro, MA 02652.

Obituaries

Megan Terry, feminist playwright and musical innovator

By Anita Gates
NEW YORK TIMES

LEO FRIEDMAN VIA NEW YORK TIMES

Ms. Terry during a rehearsal of "Viet Rock" in 1966 at the Yale School of Drama.

Megan Terry, an Obie Award winner, a founding member of the Open Theater group, and a prolific feminist playwright who wrote and directed a rock musical on the New York City stage that predated "Hair," died April 12 at a hospital in Omaha, Neb. She was 90.

Elizabeth Primamore, a writer who is working on a book about Ms. Terry and four other women writers, confirmed the death Monday.

Ms. Terry's "Viet Rock: A Folk War Movie" opened at Martinique Theater, an off-Broadway house, on Nov. 10, 1966, during the Vietnam War, after earlier performances at the Yale Repertory Company and La MaMa ETC, in the East Village.

The rock numbers' lyrics were poignant and pointed: "The wars have melted into one / A war was on when I was born." One song advised against optimism: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket / Baskets wear out and men die young / Better to marry trees or elephants / Men die young."

The dialogue played with politics and popular culture. "Let's all go gay with LBJ," one character said, a twist on President Lyndon B. Johnson's campaign slogan "All the way with LBJ." Others declared: "I lost my way with LBJ," "March to doomsday with LBJ," and "I lost my green beret on the Road to Mandalay."

"Viet Rock" was believed to be the first American stage work to address the Vietnam War.

"The piece ended with an image of rebirth," critic Dan Sullivan wrote in the Los Angeles Times, "but the image that stayed with the viewer was a mound of dead soldiers, male and female, muttering 'Who needs this?'"

The New York Times panned the production. Walter Kerr, the newspaper's chief theater critic, dismissed it as "essentially thoughtless, from-the-gut-only noise." The Village Voice called it extraordinary.

A year later, one of its cast members, Gerome Ragni, and two partners presented their musical "Hair" at The Public Theater, which moved to Broadway in 1968 and found overwhelming international success.

In her mid-30s, Ms. Terry went on to write "Approaching Simone" (1970), about Simone Weil, a French activist philosopher. It won the Obie Award for best off-Broadway play.

Marguerite Duffy was born July 22, 1932, in Seattle, the daughter of Harold and Marguerite (Henry) Duffy. Her father was a businessman. Marguerite became fascinated with theater after seeing a play at age 7 — a passion that, by her account, her disapproving father ridiculed, giving her nicknames such as Tallulah Blackhead and Sarah Heartburn, as opposed to Bankhead and Bernhardt.

In high school, she worked with the Seattle Repertory Playhouse, learning early that politics and theater could be powerful but prickly bedfellows. The playhouse closed in 1951 under pressure from the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Marguerite won a scholarship to the Banff School of Fine Arts in Canada, where she earned a certificate in acting, directing, and design. Returning to her home state, she completed her bachelor's degree in education at the University of Washington.

She then took a teaching job at the Cornish School of Allied Arts (now Cornish College of the Arts) in Seattle. Her first plays, including "Beach Grass" and "Go Out and Move the Car," were criticized for their frankness, which led her to take two drastic steps.

She began doing her theater work under a pseudonym. Megan was the Celtic root of her first name, and Terry was a tribute to 19th-century British actress Ellen Terry. And she moved to New York City.

Her plays in New York included "The Magic Realist" (1960), "Ex-Miss Copper Queen on a Set of Pills" (1963), "When My Girlhood Was Still All Flowers" (1963), "Eat at Joe's" (1964), and "Keep Tightly Closed in a Cool, Dry Place" (1967).

One of Ms. Terry's most-talked-about techniques with the Open Theater, an experimental New York company founded in 1963 by Joseph Chaikin, was known simply as transformation. An actor might begin speaking in one language and suddenly switch to another, having taken on a new character's identity.

In a scene in "Viet Rock," one actor mimes being hit by gunfire and the others catch him. "Then, abruptly, the sounds change, the body is held high, and the group, rotating weirdly, has become a helicopter, transporting the wounded to Saigon," critic Michael Feingold wrote in the Times in 1966. Seconds later, he wrote, the actors became the hospital, and "shortly afterward turn it, without a qualm, into a Buddhist funeral."

The Open Theater's last production was "Nightwalk" (1973), written by Ms. Terry, Sam Shepard, and Jean-Claude van Itallie and performed in repertory with two other works. Mel Gussow of the Times called it "enormously enjoyable," with a "strong and disquieting impact."

Ms. Terry also worked with the Firehouse Theater in Minneapolis. In her 40s, she moved to Nebraska to become the playwright-in-residence at the Magic Theater in Omaha .

Ms. Terry and five others cofounded the short-lived but influential Women's Theater Council in 1972. She received the Dramatists Guild Award in 1983. Along with her wife, Jo Ann Schmidman, and Sara Kimberlain, she was an editor of "Right Brain Vacation Photos" (1992), an illustrated book of two decades of Magic Theater productions.

Ms. Terry leaves Schmidman.

Saying goodbye was one of Ms. Terry's least favorite activities. When she was getting her degree in education, she remembered the pain of losing the third-grade class she had student-taught all year. In her career, she found a way to avoid that kind of enforced separation.

"I've always loved being in a theater company and being with people year after year," she said in a 1992 interview. "It satisfies my emotional needs and my intellectual needs. I come from a huge family, and theater gives you the chance to recreate the family in your own image."

K. Fahrman; shared love with city of Portland

By David Sharp
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Among the places Mr. Fahrman and his cohorts placed hearts for Valentine's Day were the Portland Public Library (above) in 2020 and Fort Gorges in Portland Harbor in 2017.

PORTLAND, Maine — The identity of the so-called Valentine's Day bandit, responsible for leaving hundreds of red hearts in downtown Portland over more than four decades, has been revealed in death.

Kevin Fahrman of Falmouth, Maine, was chief instigator of a group of feel-good pranksters who struck every year on Feb. 14, family and friends said, a tradition that elicited smiles while leaving behind an enduring mystery of who was responsible. He was 67 when he died late Thursday.

Portland Mayor Kate Snyder said it was sad to lose such a local treasure "and bittersweet to have him revealed."

"The Valentine's Day bandit has given so much to the Portland community. His gift of love was anticipated by so many each February. I hope the tradition continues — it would be a wonderful tribute to someone who brought love and hope to all of us annually," the mayor said.

The love and levity started in the mid-1970s, before Mr. Fahrman took it over in 1979.

Over the years, simple white sheets of paper with large red hearts appeared in Old Portland and in downtown on Feb. 14. The hearts were plastered on storefronts and business windows.

It grew more elaborate over the years, with larger hearts appearing in unusual places, including Fort Gorges in Portland Harbor and over the entrance of the Portland Library. This year, a big heart was draped from the city's tallest building, an 18-floor apartment tower, which is still under construction.

It was a courtship made in heaven — Mr. Fahrman loved Portland, and Portland loved the bandit in him.

Mr. Fahrman was an accomplished photographer, and one of his favorite subjects was Sail-Maine. Mr. Fahrman's daughter was involved in sailing, and she was one of his subjects.

The Valentine effort went to great lengths.

It was no small feat to put a giant heart on an old fort in the Portland Harbor, reachable only by boat, by the dark of night in February, or from high vantages including the top of the 18-floor apartment building.

His wife, Patti Urban, told the Portland Press Herald that she was a Valentine's Day widow. She said her husband was usually too wiped out from his late-night shenanigans to enjoy the day himself.

Cary Tyson, executive director of Portland Downtown, marveled at the work that was accomplished in one night.

"We have always thought it was one-part magic, one-part sea salt, and one-part fairy dust," he said.

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Mr. Belafonte performed at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York in 1956.

Belafonte a star of music, film, and towering force for civil rights

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ASSOCIATED PRESS/1960 FILE

In 1968, he conferred with Coretta Scott King a few days after her husband was assassinated. Mr. Belafonte donated his own money to make sure the King family was taken care of. At right, he spoke at an equal rights rally in New York on May 17, 1960.

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world — rollicking calypsos like "Matilda," work songs like "Lead Man Holler," tender ballads like "Scarlet Ribbons." By 1959 he was the most highly paid Black performer in history, with fat contracts for appearances in Las Vegas, at the Greek Theater in Los Angeles, and at the Palace in New York.

Success as a singer led to movie offers, and Mr. Belafonte soon became the first Black actor to achieve major success in Hollywood as a leading man. His movie stardom was short-lived, though, and it was his friendly rival Sidney Poitier, not Mr. Belafonte, who became the first bona fide Black matinee idol.

But making movies was never Mr. Belafonte's priority, and after a while neither was making music. He continued to perform into the 21st century, and to appear in movies as well (although he had two long hiatuses from the screen), but his primary focus from the late 1950s was civil rights.

Early in his career, he befriended the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and became not just a lifelong friend but also an ardent supporter of King and the quest for racial equality he personified. Mr. Belafonte put up much of the seed money to help start the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was one of the principal fund-raisers for that organization and King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He provided money to bail King and other civil rights activists out of jail. He took part in the March on Washington in 1963. His spacious apartment on West End Avenue in Manhattan became King's home away from home. And he quietly maintained an insurance policy on King's life, with the King family as the beneficiary, and donated his own money to make sure the family was taken care of after King was assassinated in 1968.

Mr. Belafonte's role in the 1957 movie "Island in the Sun," which contained the suggestion of a romance between his character and a white woman played by Joan Fontaine, generated outrage in the South; a bill was even introduced in the South Carolina Legislature that would have fined any theater showing the film. In Atlanta for a benefit concert for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1962, he was twice refused service in the same restaurant. Television appearances with white female singers — Petula Clark in 1968, Julie Andrews in 1969 — angered many viewers and, in the case of Clark, threatened to cost him a sponsor.

He sometimes drew criticism from Black people, including the suggestion early in his career that he owed his success to the lightness of his skin (his paternal grandfather and maternal grandmother were white). When he divorced his wife in 1957 and married Julie Robinson, who had been the only white member of Katherine Dunham's dance troupe, The Amsterdam News wrote, "Many Negroes are wondering why a man who has waved the flag of justice for his race should turn from a Negro wife to a white wife."

Harold George Bellanfanti Jr. was born on March 1, 1927, in Harlem. His father, who was born in Martinique (and later changed the family name), worked occasionally as a chef on merchant ships and was often away; his mother, Melvine (Love) Bellanfanti, born in Jamaica, was a domestic.

In 1936 he, his mother, and his younger brother, Dennis, moved to Jamaica. Unable to find work there, his mother soon returned to New York, leaving him and his brother, he later recalled, to be looked after by relatives who were either "unemployed or above the law." They rejoined her in Harlem in 1940.

Mr. Belafonte dropped out of George Washington High School in Manhattan in 1944 and enlisted in the Navy, where he was assigned to load munitions aboard ships. Black shipmates introduced him to the works of W.E.B. Du Bois and other African American authors and urged him to study Black history.

He received further encouragement from Marguerite Byrd, the daughter of a middle-class Washington family, whom he met while he was stationed in Virginia and she was studying psychology at the Hampton Institute (now Hampton University). They married in 1948.

He and Byrd had two children, Adrienne Biesemeyer and Shari Belafonte, who survive him, as do his two children by Robinson, Gina Belafonte and David; and eight grandchildren. He and Robinson divorced in 2004, and he married Pamela Frank, a photographer, in 2008, and she survives him, too, along with a stepdaughter, Sarah Frank; a stepson, Lindsey Frank; and three step-grandchildren.

Back in New York after his discharge, Mr. Belafonte became interested in acting and enrolled under the GI Bill at Erwin Piscator's Dramatic Workshop, where his classmates included Marlon Brando and Tony Curtis. He first took the stage at the American Negro Theater, where he worked as a stagehand, and where he began his lifelong friendship with a fellow theatrical novice, Poitier.

Finding anything other than what he called "Uncle Tom" roles proved difficult, and even though singing was little more than a hobby, it was as a singer and not an actor that Mr. Belafonte found an audience.

Early in 1949 he was given the chance to perform during intermissions for two weeks at the Royal Roost, a popular Midtown jazz nightclub. He was an immediate hit, and the two weeks became five months.

After enjoying some success but little creative satisfaction as a jazz-oriented pop singer, Mr. Belafonte looked elsewhere for inspiration. With guitarist Millard Thomas, who would become his accompanist, and William Attaway, the playwright and novelist who would collaborate on many of his songs, he immersed himself in the study of folk music. (Irving Burgie, the calypso singer and songwriter, later supplied much of his repertoire, including "Day-O" and "Jamaica Farewell.") His manager, Jack Rollins, helped him develop an act that emphasized his acting ability and his striking good looks as much as a voice that was husky and expressive but, as Mr. Belafonte admitted, not very powerful.

A triumphant 1951 engagement at the Village Vanguard in Greenwich Village led to an even more successful one at the Blue Angel, the Vanguard's upscale sister room on the Upper East Side. That in turn led to a recording contract with RCA and a role on Broadway in the 1953 revue "John Murray Anderson's Almanac."

Performing a repertoire that included the calypso standard "Hold 'em Joe" and his arrangement of the folk song "Mark Twain," Mr. Belafonte won enthusiastic reviews, television bookings, and a Tony Award for best featured actor in a musical. He also caught the eye of Otto Preminger, the Hollywood producer and director who cast him in the 1954 movie version of "Carmen Jones," an all-Black update of Bizet's opera "Carmen" with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, which had been a hit on Broadway a decade earlier.

Mr. Belafonte's co-star was Dorothy Dandridge, with whom he had also appeared the year before in his first movie, the little-seen low-budget drama "Bright Road." Although they were both accomplished vocalists, their singing voices in "Carmen Jones" were dubbed by opera singers.

Mr. Belafonte also made news for a movie he turned down, citing what he called its negative racial stereotypes: the 1959 screen version of "Porgy and Bess," also a Preminger film. The role of Porgy was offered instead to his old friend Poitier, whom he criticized publicly for accepting it.

In the 1960s, as Poitier became a major box-office attraction, Mr. Belafonte made no movies at all: Hollywood, he said, was not interested in the socially conscious films he wanted to make, and he was not interested in the roles he was offered. He did, however, become a familiar presence — and an occasional source of controversy — on television.

His special "Tonight With Belafonte" won an Emmy in 1960 (a first for a Black performer), but a deal to do five more specials for that show's sponsor, the cosmetics company Revlon, fell apart after one more was broadcast when, according to Mr. Belafonte, Revlon asked him not to feature Black and white performers together. The taping of a 1968 special with Petula Clark was interrupted when Clark touched Mr. Belafonte's arm and a representative of the sponsor, Chrysler-Plymouth, demanded a retake. (The producer refused and the sponsor's representative later apologized, although Mr. Belafonte said the apology came "one hundred years too late.")

When Mr. Belafonte returned to film as both producer and co-star, with Zero Mostel, of "The Angel Levine" (1970), based on a story by Bernard Malamud, the project had a sociopolitical edge: His Harry Belafonte Enterprises, with a grant from the Ford Foundation, hired 15 Black and Hispanic apprentices to learn filmmaking by working on the crew. One of them, Drake Walker, wrote the story for Mr. Belafonte's next movie, "Buck and the Preacher" (1972), a gritty western that also starred Poitier.

But after appearing as a mob boss (a parody of Marlon Brando's character in "The Godfather") with Poitier and Bill Cosby in the hit 1974 comedy "Uptown Saturday Night" — directed, as "Buck and the Preacher" had been, by Poitier — Mr. Belafonte was once again absent from the big screen, this time until 1992, when he played himself in Robert Altman's Hollywood satire "The Player."

He appeared onscreen only sporadically after that, most notably as a gangster in Altman's "Kansas City" (1996), for which he won a New York Film Critics Circle Award. His final film role was in Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman" in 2018.

In 2011 he was the subject of a documentary film, "Sing Your Song," and published his autobiography, "My Song."

In 2014, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences gave him its Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award in recognition of his lifelong fight for civil rights and other causes. The honor, he told The Times, gave him "a strong sense of reward."

He remained politically active to the end. On Election Day 2016, The Times published an opinion article by Mr. Belafonte urging people not to vote for Donald Trump, whom he called "feckless and immature."

"Mr. Trump asks us what we have to lose," he wrote, referring to Black voters, "and we must answer: Only the dream, only everything."

Four years later, he returned to the opinion pages with a similar message: "We have learned exactly how much we had to lose — a lesson that has been inflicted upon Black people again and again in our history — and we will not be bought off by the empty promises of the flimflam man."

Looking back on his life and career, Mr. Belafonte was proud but far from complacent.

"About my own life, I have no complaints," he wrote in his autobiography. "Yet the problems faced by most Americans of color seem as dire and entrenched as they were half a century ago."

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In 2014, Mr. Belafonte was given an honorary degree from the Berklee College of Music.

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From gardening help to Red Sox tickets, Boston diners show their love in unexpected ways

By Kara Baskin | Globe Correspondent

A couple of weeks ago, New York restaurateur and pugnacious Instagram presence Keith McNally posted a photo from his star-studded SoHo brasserie, Balthazar. McNally is known for dishing dirt on his celebrity clientele, exposing loutish diners, and waxing philosophical about Manhattan cultural mores. This time, he shared a note left by a satisfied customer offering Billy Joel tickets, with his own caption:

"Dear Table 500: I'm afraid I have to decline your kind offer of tickets for the Billy Joel concert. But could I please have the money instead?" (An online debate about the quality of Joel's music and the nature of tipping ensued.)

According to a new survey by Toast, the average tip percentage is 19.4 percent in Massachusetts. But, as the industry emerges from a bruising pandemic, (almost) all gestures are appreciated. Restaurant customers leave all manner of gratuities, often delighting and occasionally confusing the recipients.

Smoke Shop BBQ maven Andy Husbands was once gifted an opulent TAG Heuer watch after catering a hectic volunteer event. Perhaps not the most practical trinket for a man who's usually elbow-deep in meat, but generous nonetheless. On the other hand, Daniel Bruce, once the guiding culinary force at the Boston Harbor Hotel, was presented with an unusual bowtie after a large soiree … when he actually wanted a watch. (Maybe he can trade?)

> And, after the pandemic, a good tip is more appreciated than ever

"I wasn't expecting anything, but when someone came into the kitchen with a box, I was super excited, thinking it looked like it could be a watch. When I opened it up, it was a bowtie! I don't want to say I was not appreciative, as all gifts require thought — but, to this day, I still do not understand: Why the bowtie?" he wonders.

During the pandemic, two longtime regulars surprised staffers at Giulia in Cambridge. They didn't even want food. They just wanted to drop off money.

"Our staff was prepared to offer them either a table or takeout. As it turned out, they had come in to leave a tip to support the staff during the pandemic. They asked us to charge them a penny, and they left a $1,000 tip

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GETTING SALTY

Julia Wrin Piper of Clover Food Lab wants people to dream of vegetables

By Kara Baskin
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Magoun Square's Julia Wrin Piper, 34, began her career in science labs, studying molecular and evolutionary biology at the University of California at Berkeley and at Harvard. She specialized in the evolution of yeast — a process that has many human parallels and just so happens to be essential to beer. So when Aeronaut Brewing Company needed a scientist for its brewing production, it was the perfect niche fit. In May 2022, Wrin Piper became chief operating officer at another lab: fast-casual restaurant Clover, amplifying their mission of reducing humans' carbon footprint by eating more veggies.

Tell me about your role at Clover. What does it entail?

It might be easier to describe what it doesn't entail! I'm the chief operating officer at Clover Food Lab. And Clover is a very special kind of company, which is

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Julia Wrin Piper is chief operating officer at Clover Food Lab.

Lord Hobo and GrandTen turn untapped kegs into a new spirit

By Gary Dzen
GLOBE STAFF

Three years ago, with the COVID-19 pandemic upending our world, Massachusetts bars and restaurants faced a crisis that some never recovered from.

There are myriad ripple effects when a health crisis forces businesses to close, from loss of profits to staff safety to layoffs. One specific, underappreciated consequence of the mostly temporary shuttering of bars and restaurants in early 2020 was a thorny one for local breweries: What to do with all of their extra beer.

I've talked to plenty of brewers who did very well during early COVID, putting their beers for sale online and sending them out the door through shipping or pickup. Keg sales, though, obviously plummeted, and many brews already packaged in the format had nowhere to go when bars stopped serving.

LORD HOBO BREWING

One local brewery with an ingenious solution to that problem was Woburn's Lord Hobo Brewing Company. Sitting on some kegs of Meat & Pota-

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Three years after it was a sad keg for Lord Hobo in pandemic times, Meat & Potatoes in spirit form is 80 proof, thanks to GrandTen Distilling.

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Uncle Waithley's 'Vincy' Brew is a *ginger beer* with an extra kick

As we move into warmer weather, ginger beer is a sweet but relatively healthy choice as a standalone refresher or mixer. Uncle Waithley's "Vincy" Brew offers a deliciously crisp and refreshing option with lots of ginger (great for digestion and inflammation, among other benefits) plus a surprising little Caribbean kick. Made with fresh, flavorful, all-natural ingredients (not extracts), including turmeric and 7 percent lime juice, this distinctive brew contains a unique hint of Scotch Bonnet, a pepper prized throughout the Caribbean and Africa for its heat and sweet flavor, giving the drink a spicy finish. Launched last year at Whole Foods in Harlem, this small-batch nonalcoholic carbonated ginger beer was developed by Caribbean/American mixologist Karl Franz Williams, the founder/owner of 67 Orange Street, the oldest cocktail bar in Harlem and one of the oldest in all of New York City. The recipe, which includes a fermentation process, was inspired by Williams's grandfather. Known as Uncle Waithley, he was a ginger farmer on the island of St. Vincent, and "Vincy" refers to the Caribbean island's culture and spirit. Uncle Waithley's "Vincy" Brew claims to be the only Black-owned Caribbean ginger beer with Scotch Bonnet in the US market today, and the only ginger beer with lime as part of the ingredients. (An extra little wedge on the rim of the glass is not a bad idea!) *MSRP $8.99 per four-pack. Available at select Whole Foods, Boisson, and Amazon.*

KAREN CAMPBELL

Get caffeinated in a hurry at Blank Street

A pistachio iced latte may become your favorite drink at Blank Street, the New York coffee chain that's fast-growing in the Boston area. An Italian pistachio syrup gives the drink its pleasant nutty and slightly sweet taste. Or maybe it will be Mike's Hot Honey hot latte, which offers a soothing sweet heat kick. With the push of a button, a barista quickly serves up coffee drinks on a recent morning to a steady stream of customers. Rather than pulling shots from an espresso machine on top or under a counter, he uses the efficient, automated Swiss Eversys. "The streamlined process produces speed and consistency," says company cofounder Vinay Menda. "The Eversys is so easy to use it allows baristas to focus the time on the customers rather than making a drink." The shop offers a Nicaraguan-Brazilian bean blend, medium roasted, that yields a basic, smooth coffee without a bitter edge nor nuanced flavors. "It's a little darker than Dunkin," says Menda, who started the company with his high school friend Issam Freiha. Both in their 30s, they grew up in Dubai and came to New York City as students. Within minutes, cups sit at a counter waiting to be picked up. And so do little bags with croissants that come from A & J King Artisan Bakers in Salem. Some had placed an order through the mobile app. Blank Street has nailed a formula: specialty grab-and-go coffee drinks that are 20 to 30 percent less pricey than in other shops. The model is small storefronts, so don't expect to hang around with your computer. The company aims to attract regulars looking for a caffeine jolt on their way somewhere rather than those who want to linger over a cup. Even so, the newest Blank Street that opened in February on Boylston Street in the ornate Haberstroh Building has seating along its lovely bay window plus a loft space that together could hold a half-dozen people or so. *Find Boston's Blank Street locations at 282 Cambridge St., 97 Charles St., 647 Boylston St., and another soon opening at 1380 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.*

ANN TRIEGER KURLAND

Thai-inspired sauces make for easier (but more thrilling) weeknights

Watcharee's intensely flavored Thai sauces can give any plain dish an exciting South Asian twist, whether grilled fish, leftover chicken, or noodles. The Maine start-up has catapulted into a national brand with its four varieties of sauces — Pad Thai, green and massaman curries, and peanut sauce. Watcharee Limanon, the company's founder, grew up in Thailand and learned to cook traditional Thai foods at her mother's side. Initially, she worked as an environmental lawyer, but her career path turned toward cooking, and she studied at culinary schools in Bangkok. Almost 20 years ago, Limanon came to the United States with her husband and two sons and lives on Cousins Island in Casco Bay. She has now launched a line of six Thai-inspired dipping and stir-fry sauces created in Thailand from fresh, traditional ingredients: Thai Sweet Chili and a Spicy Chili, Thai Lemongrass & Chili, Pad Thai, Thai Sweet & Sour, and Thai Basil & Garlic. The sauces are versatile, too, and come in handy for stir fries, grilling, salads, and vegetable dips. In creating her latest products, Limanon said she wanted to make easy dishes more thrilling for busy home cooks while sharing flavors of her homeland ($5.49 each). *The dipping and stir-fry sauces are available at Hannaford locations. Watcharee's original line is sold at Stop & Shop, Wegmans, and Whole Foods selected locations.*

ANN TRIEGER KURLAND

Are Crumbl cookies the best or the worst? It doesn't matter.

By Priya Krishna
NEW YORK TIMES

On a sunny afternoon, dozens of cookie lovers descended on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. They crowded into a small Crumbl storefront, which looked like an Apple store but smelled of Funfetti. They placed their orders on white tablets and snapped photos of their millennial-pink boxes of cookies.

Down the street at the original location of Levain Bakery, arguably the most famous cookie purveyor in New York, there was, astonishingly, no sign of the line that normally stretches half a block.

Connor Coleman, an artist who lives in the area, said he had tried cookies at many bakeries in New York, but Crumbl is his favorite.

"Unless I am making them myself, this is the only cookie place I go to," he said.

He bought four cookies, including a Nutter Butter-flavored model. Like most of Crumbl's offerings, it was plump, doughy, intensely sweet and topped with a thick clod of frosting. Each cookie, baked on-site, costs between $4 and $5 and can easily serve four people (you can even buy a cookie slicer). And each week brings a new roster of flavors, like caramel popcorn, cotton candy, Key lime pie, and everything bagel.

Not everyone shares Coleman's enthusiasm.

"They were so disappointing," said Kiwanna Norwood, a career coach in Little Rock, Ark., who picked up a batch from a store there. "I just couldn't get over them tasting like cookie dough."

So are the cookies good or not? When you've got millions of people debating the question, the answer doesn't really matter.

Crumbl is the fastest-growing chain of dessert shops in the United States, and the fourth-fastest-growing food chain of any sort in the country, according to a 2022 report from Datassential, a food and beverage analytics company. In the past six years, Crumbl has opened more than 750 stores from coast to coast. The company said that last year it sold, on average, nearly 1 million cookies a day.

It's the kind of success that's often traced to social media, but Crumbl is no ordinary Internet sensation.

The company has manufactured its own hype and turbocharged it by announcing weekly cookie flavors on TikTok as if they were limited-edition sneaker drops, with vaguely sensual, slow-motion videos reminiscent of Burger King commercials. The company has amassed 6.7 million followers on the platform, more than Taco Bell and Starbucks combined.

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Crumbl cookies are designed with social media in mind, from the swirls of frosting to the bright pink boxes.

"It actually put us on a different trajectory as a company very, very quickly," said Jason McGowan, 43, who founded the company in Logan, Utah, with his cousin Sawyer Hemsley, 30, in 2017.

Breanna Brooks is one of the thousands of people who visit a Crumbl store weekly, and she reviews the rotating flavors on her TikTok account.

But whenever she posts a Crumbl review, "a lot of people get really mad," said Brooks, who lives in Sacramento, Calif., and works in marketing. They post laments that the cookies are terrible.

"I just don't understand," she said. "It is just cookies."

Shentel Meadows, a social worker in Richmond, Va., is among those bewildered by all the praise for the cookies. To her, they seem underbaked.

"When you eat something raw and it makes your stomach hurt, it has that effect."

She felt so disappointed that she complained on Twitter in February: "Just a daily reminder Crumbl cookies aren't good," she wrote.

Lauren Gillon, who runs Homegirl Kitchen, a pop-up bakery in Detroit, was tempted by TikTok to try Crumbl. The cookies tasted artificial, she said. "I just don't get the impression that they are home-baked."

Before starting Crumbl, neither McGowan nor Hemsley had any baking training. But McGowan, who had created and sold a Web company, figured that those knowledge gaps could be filled through technology and user research.

"We thought, 'How hard could this be?'" he said.

Instead of hiring a chef, the two searched for cookie recipes online, testing their way through dozens of versions and asking people in grocery stores and parking lots for feedback. McGowan said that he invested a few hundred thousand dollars to open the first store in Logan and that the company still hasn't sought investors.

The partners were convinced that TikTok — which in 2017 was still new in the United States — was the next big social media platform and very much worth focusing on.

After seeing a few reviews of Crumbl cookies on TikTok, the social media team began reposting them on the company's TikTok account with the hashtag #TasteWeekly, and even broadcast the videos in stores.

"We doubled down on the content already getting produced," McGowan said.

When the company introduced the rotating flavor menu in 2018, there were suddenly new cookies for people to review each week — and a sense of scarcity. Customers piled on to the #TasteWeekly hashtag, whether they loved or loathed the cookies. The hashtag has 461.5 million views.

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Crumbl has become a highly sought-after tenant for developers, said Payton Kelly, a senior adviser at SVN, a commercial real estate brokerage in Santa Rosa, Calif.

"Anyone who owns a shopping center that doesn't have a Crumbl in a certain radius is reaching out to them right now," Kelly said.

Many customers said they judge Crumbl against Insomnia Cookies, a dessert chain known for its late-night cookie delivery. But Seth Berkowitz, founder and chief executive of Insomnia, doesn't feel threatened by Crumbl's success.

"A 1,000-calorie cookie," he said. (Last week's menu averaged 766 calories and 62.5 grams of sugar per cookie.) "Hard to imagine eating that daily. It is certainly a unique model."

The Crumbl founders, who just opened Crumbl's first international location, in Edmonton, Alberta, have heard the criticisms of their cookies. But the sales numbers don't lie, McGowan said.

"We have the world's best cookies."

SEASONAL RECIPES

WHAT TO COOK THIS WEEK

SALLY PASLEY VARGAS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Pork Tenderloin with Mustard, Honey, and Rosemary

Serves 4

Pork tenderloin is one of the easiest suppers to prepare for a dinner with friends, especially the ones who like to congregate in the kitchen because the meat moves quickly from stovetop to oven and doesn't stay there long. You can marinate the pork in a mustard glaze sweetened with a little honey and perked up with vinegar for 15 minutes at room temperature. (Or in the fridge for up to eight hours, convenient if you want to set this up in the morning.) Then sear it briefly in a skillet and pop it into the oven for about 15 minutes. Pork is delicious and safe to eat at 145 degrees, but take it out of the oven when it's almost there, since it will tick up a few degrees as it rests. Serve the juicy, tender meat with roasted potatoes for an undemanding but special feast.

- **2 cloves garlic, finely chopped**
- **3 tablespoons sherry vinegar or white wine vinegar**
- **2 tablespoons honey**
- **2 tablespoons Dijon mustard**
- **1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard**
- **1 pork tenderloin (1¼ to 1½ pounds)**
- **Salt and pepper, to taste**
- **2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary**
- **2 tablespoons olive oil**
- **Extra chopped fresh rosemary and sprigs (for garnish)**

1. Have on hand a baking dish long enough to hold the tenderloin and a large cast-iron skillet or another skillet with an ovenproof handle.
2. In a small bowl, stir the garlic, vinegar, honey, and the Dijon and whole-grain mustard until blended.
3. Set the meat in the baking dish. Sprinkle it all over with salt, pepper, and rosemary. Brush about 6 tablespoons of the marinade over the pork on all sides. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate at room temperature for 15 minutes or refrigerate for up to 8 hours. Cover and refrigerate the remaining marinade.
4. Set the oven at 400 degrees.
5. In the skillet over medium heat, heat the oil. Remove the pork from the marinade and brush off the excess. Sear the meat, turning it several times, for 3 to 4 minutes, or until it is browned on all sides.
6. Brush the top of the tenderloin with about 3 tablespoons of the remaining marinade. Transfer the skillet to the oven and roast for 8 minutes. Turn the meat over and brush the other side with more of the remaining marinade. Continue roasting for 4 to 6 minutes, or until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the tenderloin registers 142 degrees. (Total roasting time is 12 to 14 minutes.)
7. Transfer the pork to a cutting board and cover loosely with foil. Let rest in a warm place for 10 minutes.
8. Cut the pork into ¼-inch-thick slices. Transfer to a serving platter. Garnish with chopped rosemary and rosemary sprigs.

Sally Pasley Vargas

SHERYL JULIAN FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Maggie's Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Makes 2½ dozen

An oatmeal cookie with a history. These rounds manage to be punchy, crunchy, chewy, and earthy all at once. Also healthy, because you're subbing olive oil for the usual butter in the dough, and adding whole-wheat flour for some of the all-purpose. Maggie Bogle was the mother of my boyhood pal, Bruce. She arrived in Durham, N.H., by way of Hawaii, Colorado, Washington state, and Minnesota. With her, wherever she went, she carried a frayed index card scribbled with ingredients for oatmeal raisin cookies passed along in 1958 by a friend and co-worker at Mount McKinley National Park in Alaska (now Denali National Park and Preserve). In the '70s, Bruce's friends thronged his home, where his parents were welcoming and warm, and these cookies were always at the ready. At Maggie's memorial service last summer (she died at the age of 85), guests showed up at the Community Church of Durham with platters of her well-traveled legacy and they were gone in no time. Maggie's recipe lives on.

- **1 cup mild or light olive oil (not extra virgin)**
- **⅔ cup dark brown sugar**
- **½ cup granulated sugar**
- **2 teaspoons vanilla extract**
- **2 eggs**
- **1 cup all-purpose flour**
- **½ cup whole-wheat flour**
- **½ teaspoon kosher salt**
- **1 teaspoon baking soda**
- **1 teaspoon ground cinnamon**
- **1 teaspoon ground ginger**
- **½ teaspoon ground nutmeg**
- **¼ teaspoon ground cloves**
- **3 cups quick-cooking or 1-minute oats**
- **1 cup raisins**

1. Set the oven at 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl large enough to hold all the ingredients, use a large spoon to mix the olive oil, brown and granulated sugar, and vanilla. Press out any lumps in the sugar against the side of the bowl. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing until glossy.
3. In another bowl, stir together the all-purpose and whole-wheat flour, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves until thoroughly blended.
4. Gradually stir the flour mixture into the egg mixture until completely incorporated. Fold in the oats, followed by the raisins. The batter will be stiff.
5. Spoon out ping pong-size balls of batter onto the baking sheets. Flatten them gently with the heel of your hand to make 2-inch rounds.
6. Bake for 16 to 18 minutes, turning the position of the baking sheets from back to front and top to bottom, or until the cookies are starting to brown and set in the middle. Let them sit on the baking sheets for 5 minutes. Slide the parchment sheets onto wire racks and let the cookies cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

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Oversize lamb and feta meatballs aren't a side dish, they're your meal

These oversize meatballs are not the garnish for a plate of spaghetti. They're the meal. Just add wilted spinach, a mound of rice, or warm pita, which would all pair wonderfully. The football shapes, loaded with fresh herbs, spices, and feta, are baked in a rich tomato sauce.

Bound with eggs and panko, this ground lamb mixture is full of flavor bombs such as mint, oregano, both sweet and smoked paprika, and cumin. The thick and chunky sauce the meatballs are cooked in starts with a base of chopped almonds, parsley, and lemon rind. After baking, the sauce will thicken as it sits, so serve it as soon as you can or spoon the thickened sauce onto plates and top with meatballs. A little of the chopped almond mixture is the aromatic garnish.

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Lamb and Feta Meatballs

Serves 8

MEATBALLS

- **2 tablespoons olive oil**
- **1 onion, chopped**
- **3 cloves garlic, finely chopped**
- **2 pounds ground lamb**
- **2 eggs**
- **1 cup panko or other unseasoned dry white breadcrumbs**
- **2 cups chopped fresh parsley**
- **1 cup chopped fresh mint**
- **¼ cup chopped fresh oregano**
- **Grated rind of 1 lemon**
- **1 tablespoon sweet paprika**
- **1 teaspoon smoked paprika**
- **1 tablespoon ground cumin**
- **2 teaspoons salt**
- **1 teaspoon ground black pepper**
- **8 ounces feta, crumbled**

1. Set the oven at 425 degrees. Have on hand 2 rimmed baking sheets and a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
2. In a skillet, over medium-high heat, heat the olive oil. Add the onions and garlic, and cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until softened.
3. In a large bowl, combine the lamb, eggs, panko or breadcrumbs, parsley, mint, oregano, lemon rind, sweet and smoked paprika, cumin, salt, and pepper. With your hands, mix gently. Add the feta, and continue to mix gently until thoroughly combined.
4. Divide the meatball mixture into 8 equal portions. Shape each into a football, and set them on one of the baking sheets.
5. Transfer to the oven. Bake for 20 minutes. Leave the oven on.

ALMONDS

- **1 cup whole unskinned (raw) almonds**
- **1 clove garlic**
- **Grated rind of 1 lemon**
- **½ cup chopped fresh parsley**

1. Spread the almonds in a single layer on the other baking sheet. Toast in the oven for 5 to 10 minutes, shaking them once or twice, or until golden and aromatic. Leave to cool slightly. Leave the oven on.
2. In a food processor, pulse the garlic until it is roughly chopped. Add the almonds, and pulse until they are finely chopped. Add the lemon rind and parsley. Pulse again until blended.
3. Transfer half of the almond mixture to a bowl; set aside.

SAUCE

- **1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes**
- **Juice of 2 lemons**
- **2 cloves garlic, finely chopped**
- **2 tablespoons honey**
- **Salt and pepper, to taste**

1. With the other half of the almond mixture still in the food processor, add the tomatoes, lemon juice, garlic, honey, and a pinch each of salt and pepper. Puree until smooth.
2. Place the meatballs in a single layer in the baking dish. Pour the sauce over the top.
3. Transfer to the oven. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the sauce is bubbling throughout and has thickened. Remove the dish from the oven. Spoon a meatball and sauce onto each of 8 shallow bowls. Garnish with the remaining almond mixture.

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New celebrity cooking shows won't teach you much — and that's fine

By Emily Heil
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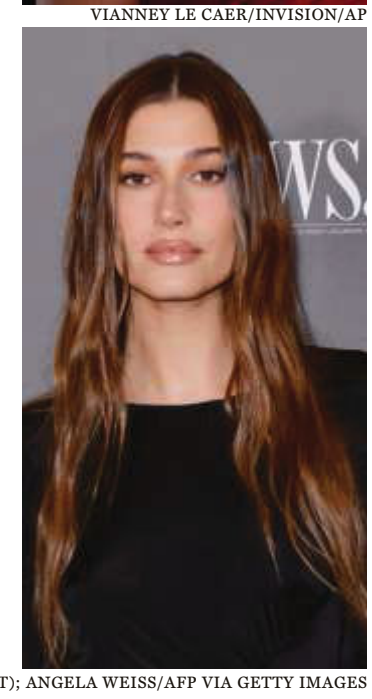

HBO MAX VIA AP (LEFT); ANGELA WEISS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Selena Gomez in an episode of HBO Max's "Selena + Chef." Other celebrities with cooking shows include Florence Pugh (top right, "Cooking With Flo" on Instagram) and Hailey Bieber (above right, "What's in My Kitchen?" on YouTube).

Anyone looking to learn how to dice an onion probably shouldn't rely on Florence Pugh.

In a pandemic-born Instagram series dubbed "Cooking With Flo," the actress tackles the job with a bit of know-how — at one point explaining that she learned how to do it from watching episodes of Jamie Oliver's cooking show. But she fumbles, her fingers sliding dangerously on a particularly slippery orb. "I probably started doing it from the wrong end," she says in one episode where she throws together a "beany fart salad."

Look, I'm not saying that Pugh lacks cooking skills — because she doesn't. The "Don't Worry Darling" and "Midsommar" star knows her way around a kitchen (and an allium) as well as any competent hobbyist, and she previously worked in one of the several Oxford restaurants her father owns. But let's concede that she is not a professional culinary expert capable of imparting precise and technical know-how to her viewers.

Nevertheless, Pugh's off-the-cuff, self-filmed series is going to morph into something more formal. An official show "is definitely in the works," the actress revealed in a recent interview. That news came just as model Hailey Bieber's YouTube show, "What's in My Kitchen?" launched last week. Those developments come on the heels of "Selena + Chef," the HBO Max show in which actress Selena Gomez enlists chefs to help her learn to cook.

This latest boomlet of celebrity cooking shows might just constitute a moment in which we make peace with something that might have been troubling us: It's time we just accept that celebrity cooking shows aren't actually about teaching home cooks how to prepare food. Instead, they're entertainment that we can just enjoy without having to harbor even the pretense that we're going to emulate them. They're peeks at the kitchens of the rich and fabulous. They're a font of vibes. And that's OK.

Pugh is great for kitchen inspiration. In the early days of the pandemic, she encouraged her followers to enjoy those scroungy meals we were all making in an effort to stretch out time between trips to the store.

"All those sad, bruised, upset vegetables — we're going to put them in a pan and they're going to be delicious!" she exhorted as she created a ratatouille-adjacent dish (which was initially going to include a decidedly nontraditional addition of carrots, though she eventually forgot to toss them in the pan).

Her go-with-the-flow energy is admirable, and her reminders to use what you have and trust your judgment are helpful to novice cooks.

Bieber has even less to pass along when it comes to actual kitchen skills. In one episode, she uses a haphazard method of breading chicken wings: dipping the poultry into the egg wash and then the flour-cornstarch coating with both hands, which results in gummed-up fingers, instead of employing the "wet-hand/dry-hand" method, which is so much simpler and cleaner. Undaunted and perhaps unaware of this widely taught approach, she playfully wiggles her gooey digits at the camera.

It's not that she's a bad cook — she seems comfortable and sincere when she claims that she routinely whips up these dishes — it's just that her style is more aspirational than instructional.

Still, there's plenty of entertainment to be found, if Hailey Bieber — whose marriage to pop star Justin Bieber is routinely the stuff of gossip — is your flavor of tea. And, hey, it's fun to gawk at her luxe marble countertops and backsplashes.

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Louie Dean Valencia, an associate professor at Texas State University who studies celebrity culture (seriously, he teaches an entire class on Harry Styles), notes that in this new chapter of celebrity cooking shows, the stars are younger, with lives that fans already expect to see glimpses of on social media. Bringing them into the kitchen is just an extension of that, he says, and allows them to shape the narrative around them — which is often defined by tabloid coverage.

"If you are able to give people a lens into your life through food, it feeds — quite literally — the desire to get to know celebrities, but in a way you can control," Valencia says.

It's also a shift that this new crop of food-show hosts didn't have to wait for someone else to give them a platform. This isn't Valerie Bertinelli, the actress whose show ran on the Food Network for 14 seasons, or country singer Trisha Yearwood, whose "Trisha's Southern Kitchen" has been shown on the same channel for more than a decade. Stars can now dabble in the medium — see actress Jennifer Garner's "Pretend Cooking Show" segments on Instagram.

And the fans? Well, they don't care if the celebs they follow do everything perfectly in the kitchen. "The dishes can be good enough," Valencia says.

The early era of food TV, where classically trained chefs treated their half-hour slots like mini-culinary school sessions for their audiences of housewives, are clearly aspic-encased relics. Their successors might have dialed up the showmanship with so many "Bams" and "Yum-os," but the educational DNA remained evident. Now, we're in the age of extreme competition, with chef-testants battling in grocery aisles and elaborately tiered kitchen sets.

And today's food media galaxy is fractured into a million more planets. You can call up instructional videos for specialized tasks like carving a turkey. You can watch TikToks of highly trained chefs.

Which means that the celebrity cooking show can simply coexist with all that other content, in its own space, not needing to do anything but what it does. Which is, for this new group of hosts, whatever they want.

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one of the things that drew me to it. It's more of a first-principles kind of company than most companies that exist in the industrial sector, meaning that it starts from a mission. Our mission is to make people dream about vegetables, primarily with the goal of creating a way for people to eat food that lowers the carbon footprint. Myself included! I've changed my own habits.

Operations is basically: How do we take that idea, and how do we turn it into a reality? I spend a lot of time collaboratively working with people who have expertise in different areas, from chefs to team members at restaurants to our logistics coordinators to the marketing team. It's a lot of time spent experimenting with the right way to develop new food, making it really amazing, and then producing it in the restaurant and in our production facility in a way that keeps carbon footprints very low but the taste really exquisite.

For those who don't know what Clover is: What makes it different?

Clover's mission is to locally source food, which is in and of itself a very difficult thing to do economically, so that you're actually making enough money to run a company. We source a very large portion of our food locally, and it's all vegetable-based food.

We're fast-casual restaurants. We take all those ingredients, and we put them together in surprising combinations to make really delicious sandwiches, and we have meal boxes that go to people's homes in the Boston area. We want to be able to compete with other fast-casual chains that rely on meat. If we can have people eat at Clover one day a week, rather than eat a meal with meat in it, we're lowering the carbon footprint of the food industry.

Back up: You want to make people dream of vegetables?

Yeah, that's exactly it. It's funny. I grew up with a pretty classic Midwestern American diet, which is fantastically delicious and really quite opposite from a lot of Clover's menu. When I moved to Boston for grad school, I spent a lot of time eating at the original Clover location in Harvard with my cohort, and I actually started changing my eating habits. Clover was on the frontier of being really thoughtful about using vegetables in a way that captures their flavor when they're very fresh. I personally started not only dreaming about vegetables, but actually eating more vegetables and cooking with more vegetables after eating at Clover.

This is one of the really wonderful things about the food industry. Everyone engages with food, whether they are conscious of it or not.

Beer is a big departure from vegetables.

At Aeronaut, I worked at a little yeast incubator where we actually would identify new yeast strains to use in brewing. We also did a lot of the quality assurance work that's required for making really delicious, consistent products. I became their chief operating officer and was with Aeronaut for five years, which included the pandemic. It's a company that's really run on the passions of a lot of people.

What drew you into food and beverage to begin with? A lot of people might not understand that there's an overlap between food and drinks and science.

I was studying evolutionary biology at Harvard. I studied evolutionary principles by growing large amounts of yeast in the lab over thousands of generations, and then doing deep sequencing analysis. The longer I was there, the more I realized I wanted to be in a more applied space. I spent some time thinking about what I really wanted to do. I had done neuroscience previously, before going into Harvard, so I thought: Maybe I'll work in biotech.

I was looking around for jobs and was talking to a couple of the founders at Aeronaut. And they said, "Serendipitously, we're actually looking for someone to run our yeast lab, and you happen to be a yeast biologist" — which is not something I set out to be, but I ended up becoming. [I was able to use] this pretty deep but narrow set of knowledge and skills to actually make things like beer, which people can actually sit down, experience, and enjoy. That was really exciting to see. There's nothing like seeing people enjoy what you make.

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What's the difference between the food scene on the West and East Coast?

I went to undergrad at UC Berkeley. I have this really idealized version of what food can be because I got to experience the true California food scene in Berkeley. The Berkeley food scene kind of pioneered, at least in the US, really locally sourced, fresh ingredients, and using seasonal ingredients to shape menus. As a student, I got to taste not only lots of different cuisines, but just really fresh, beautiful food.

I remember coming to Boston a little over a decade ago and being surprised about how traditional a lot of the dishes here are — really delicious, but not quite as dynamic in some ways as the West Coast scene. But I actually think a lot of has changed. There's a lot of places where I find dishes that I'd never heard of on the West Coast, because there are traditional dishes from particular cultures that are less represented on the West Coast than here. I really enjoy that.

For example?

One of my favorite examples is braciole — essentially just very thinly pounded beef and breaded in a very simple kind of bread crumb, rolled very tightly into a spiral on a skewer. I'd never heard of this on the West Coast, but there's a much larger Italian American population [here].

Where do you hang out when you're not working?

I cook a lot at home. And when I'm not cooking at home, I'm usually buying something from a local bakery. I go to Forge a lot. I really enjoy the English muffins from Vinal and bagels from Goldilox. I get every kind of bread from Iggy's. We've also become quite spoiled with our bakeries on this side of the river.

Maybe I shouldn't ask this of someone who's such a vegetable proponent, but: What's your favorite snack?

I don't think I've ever said no to ice cream in my life. I always go with something decadent and fudgy. And if it has caramel in it, even better. I really like Toscanini's.

What's the best thing on the menu at Clover?

Oh my God. That's a hard one. You can't go wrong with the chickpea fritter. And anything with fresh-baked pita is really amazing.

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With their tips, diners show love in unexpected ways

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to be equally distributed amongst the front-of-house staff," says owner Michael Pagliarini. Another Giulia regular doled out front-row seats to a Red Sox game.

Down the block, Rachel Malley, a longtime server at the now-closed Legal Sea Foods in Harvard Square, recalls then-Governor Charlie Baker dining with a group — and returning with more money later in case his companion didn't tip enough. She also remembers an older regular who loved to chat. Every Chinese New Year, she'd arrive with decorated envelopes stuffed with $100 for every staffer, including bussers and dishwashers.

Those were happy memories. Less pleasant?

"A common thing waitresses get are notes left on credit card slips," she says. "Sometimes, it's a man's phone number. Most waitresses find the phone number thing to be rather insulting, especially with a poor tip. If you're going to ask a girl on a date, just ask her to her face. Don't leave your phone number on a charge slip."

But a phone number is better than an expired gift card for a massage, which Urban Hearth owner Erin Miller received as a college waitress. Her fortunes improved at her North Cambridge restaurant, where a guest left a $1,000 tip for her staff after a chef's tasting. In a world where a bad experience can go viral and Yelp still has outsize impact, it's a boost.

"He said, 'You're not charging enough for this experience, so I made up what I think this was worth to me in the tip.' I was brought to tears. It's a big gesture, and it's a gesture that only wealthy people can make, if we're quite honest. When [the customer] saw my staff, and saw how hard they were working and how much intention and passion goes into the experience? I'm getting teary," she says.

Evoo and ZA partner Steve Kurland — who once refused a cash tip after saving a choking patron with the Heimlich maneuver — says that these gestures had special meaning during COVID. He remembers a loyal couple who gave their favorite server $500 on a $75 bill — "which made a world of difference for her in the heart of the pandemic," he says. "It helps morale; there's no question. I think tips are substantially higher in general. I think people are just so appreciative to have restaurants that are around" after so many closures.

He's also noticed more people tipping on takeout, a trend that started during the pandemic and has continued.

"Part of it is the automated systems that kind of prompt you," he says. "But I think it's a leftover habit that's stuck."

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Chef Daniel Bruce, now retired from the Boston Harbor Hotel, was once surprised with a bowtie by a grateful guest.

SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

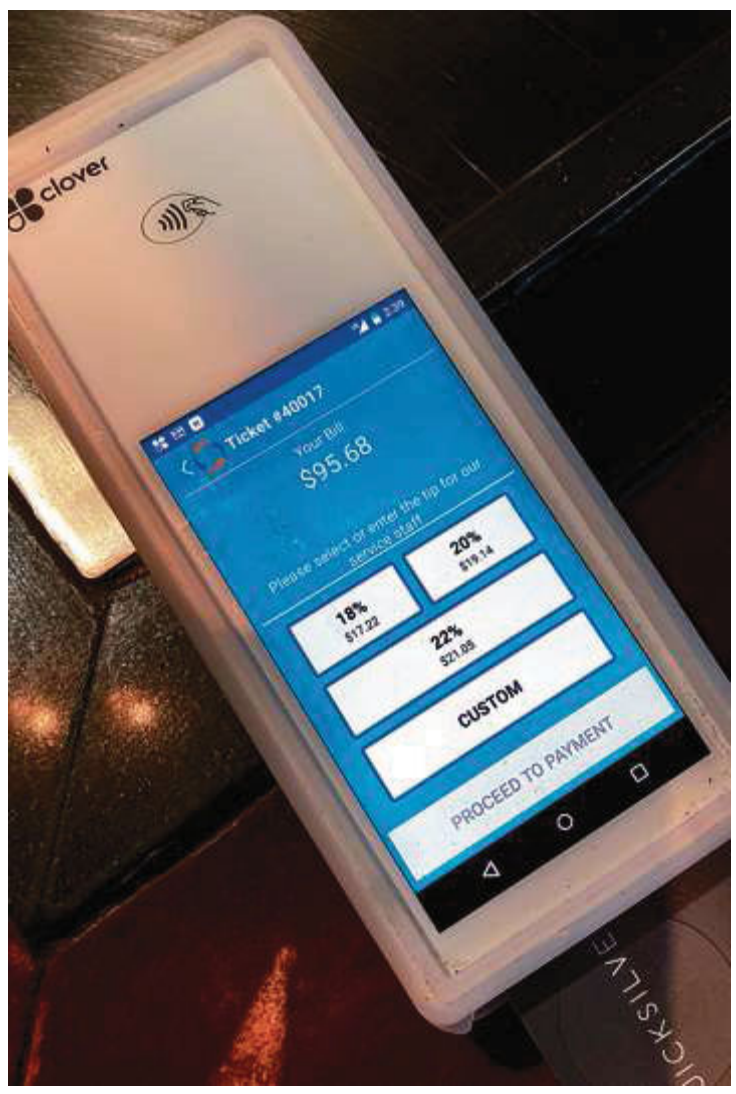
Evoo and ZA partner Steve Kurland (shown with staff in 2019) once refused a cash tip after saving a choking patron with the Heimlich maneuver. He says that generous tips had special meaning during the COVID pandemic.

Of course, not everyone tips well or at all. Some people (students usually, he says) don't realize that it's a customary practice. Others object to the tipping model, believing servers should simply make higher wages overall. (The current hourly minimum rate for tipped employees in Massachusetts is $6.75.)

"It's not worth hurting your server for that, making a protest vote by not tipping them," he says.

Shaming a guest into tipping can also backfire: Kurland worked at a large pizza chain in the mid-1990s, which printed cards in several languages explaining tipping policies.

"The card basically said, 'It's customary in the United States to tip 15 to 20 percent for good service.' One day, we had a couple come in who started yelling at me. And what the card translated to in Chinese was something like: 'If you don't tip, you will be considered cheap and horrible.' Whoever had done the translation had not checked very carefully. We had to remove the cards quickly."



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More people are tipping on takeout, a trend that started during the pandemic and has continued, in part because of automated payment systems with suggested tips.

Porto general manager Ned Hajduk has one customer known behind the scenes as a "patron saint" who helped to keep the downtown business afloat during COVID, tipping heavily, routinely booking private events, and ordering more food than anyone could possibly eat at one sitting. The guest was a fan of owner Jody Adams at Cambridge's now-closed Rialto and followed her across the river.

"This is a pooled house, so every single staff gets a small piece of those large tips. It helped them out during tough times," Hajduk says. "I feel like most people these days are quite fair. They know what's going on behind the scenes. And people don't need to leave extremely lavish tips as long as they come often. That's the best way to support us."

Well, almost. Heather Regan, a bartender at an upscale downtown hotel, was gifted a round-trip ticket to Mexico using sky miles so she could attend the wedding of another longtime customer. Someone else showed up to landscape her yard after she got into a chat about gardening over the bar.

"This man owns an underground utilities and construction-type company. He asked how far I lived from a job site where they would be in the near future. I wasn't far, maybe two miles," she recalls. "About two weeks later, early one Saturday morning, a gigantic front-end loader, a massive dump truck, and a crew of four guys with pickaxes and wheelbarrows showed up in front of my house."

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Naturally, she tipped them well.

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LORD HOBO

Lord Hobo's brewery in 2017.

Partnership makes the most of old beer

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toes, a stout that contains neither of those ingredients, Lord Hobo reached out to GrandTen Distilling in South Boston with a proposal: Why don't you make a spirit with some of our beer?

"When local craft breweries began reaching out for help repurposing their spent beer during the pandemic, it was a testament to the power of community," says Matt Nuernberger, GrandTen Distilling's cofounder, who called the move "a logical solution to a very unique problem."

Taking an old product and turning it into something new is referred to these days as upcycling (we recently wrote about dairy farmers upcycling spent brewers' grains by feeding them to cows). Upcycling reduces waste — in this case beer that would have gone bad — and results in an entirely new product, here a spirit that resembles but is not quite a whiskey.

To turn Lord Hobo's beer into a spirit, staff at GrandTen used a double distillation process, clarifying the brew before aging it in oak barrels for three years. Because a stout has fewer hops than some other beers, it made a good candidate to undergo this state change. (If you're looking for other beers-turned-into-spirits, Sheffield's Berkshire Mountain Distillers has done similar work.)

Three years after it was a sad keg in pandemic times, Meat & Potatoes in spirit form is 80 proof, with notes of chocolate, coffee, and roasted barley.

A limited release, Meat & Potatoes spirit is available for purchase at GrandTen Distilling in South Boston, Lord Hobo locations in Woburn, Cambridge, and the Seaport, and select liquor retailers throughout Massachusetts.

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Former Fox News host Tucker Carlson

In wake of Carlson' s ouster, will cable news turn down the volume? Not likely.

Tucker Carlson's sudden and spectacular downfall this week has already triggered speculation that we're now entering, as one headline put it, "the end of an era for loose-cannon hosts."

Not so fast. If the history of television has taught us anything, it's that there's always room for big mouths on the small screen.

From Morton Downey Jr. to Jerry Springer to Bill O'Reilly to Glenn Beck to Carlson, volume has often equaled viewership. Red-hot bloviators tend to generate buzz and ratings and revenue, at least for a while.

As far back as 1996, in his book "Hot Air: All Talk All the Time," media reporter Howard Kurtz, then at The Washington Post and now at Fox News, wrote: "America is awash in talk. Loud talk. Angry talk. Conspiratorial talk. Raunchy talk, smug talk, self-serving talk, funny talk, rumor-mongering talk. A cacophony of chat fills the airwaves from coast to coast, from dawn to dusk and beyond, all talk all the time."

Does any of that sound familiar? Or all of it? If anything, it's only gotten worse since then.

Back in 2004, when Jon Stewart was at the peak of his influence as host of "The Daily Show," he made an attempt to stem the tide during an appearance on CNN's partisan shout-fest "Crossfire" with hosts Paul Begala and ... Tucker Carlson.

"I made a special effort to come on the show today because I have privately, amongst my friends and also in occasional newspapers and television shows, mentioned this show as being bad," Stewart told the pair. "And I wanted to — I felt that that wasn't fair, and I should come here and tell you that I don't — it's not so much that it's bad, as it's hurting America."

"So I wanted to come here today and say, here's what I wanted to tell you guys, is: Stop," Stewart added. "Stop hurting America."

Afterward, Jonathan Klein, then president of CNN, said: "I agree wholeheartedly with Jon Stewart's overall premise." Before too long, CNN canceled "Crossfire."

But Carlson, alas, had a second noisy act in his future.

ASK AMY

Survivor with PTSD tries to cope with family

Q. Growing up my childhood was not horrible — just bad. I have PTSD, dissociation, and sleep paralysis because of things that happened during my childhood.

Whenever the subject of childhood is brought up, my parents say it was good. If my siblings or I say otherwise it just starts a fight.

We were raised "Christian." We went to church between three and seven days a week. I hate church now and do not go.

Eight years ago, our grandmother died. She also attended this church. I decided to go into the church building for her funeral (big mistake). A few days later I started getting flashbacks of things that had happened to me as a child at that church. My PTSD got worse, and I had bad dreams and night terrors.

My doctor put me on medication to suppress these nightmares. After seven years, my anxiety is finally at a tolerable stage. I swore never to step foot inside the building again, but my family members pressure me.

I have tried to explain that if they die and their funeral is held there, I will NOT go. I want to get them to understand (without a fight starting or someone's feelings getting hurt), but at the moment I am at a loss.

SCARRED IN NORTH CAROLINA

A. Given the long-term symptoms you say you experience, I'd offer a gentle correction to your statement that your childhood was "not horrible." You are experiencing symptoms similar to those reported by soldiers returning from the battlefield. Your past seems "horrible" enough.

Your choice to get professional help is a great one, and I hope that you continue to discuss your experiences with a qualified therapist.

My advice to you continues along two tracks. Although I wonder if it is best for you to be connected with your family, if you want to remain in touch, the best way to do this is to hold onto your decisions privately and learn how to deflect pressure. You can review strategies with your therapist.

If people have a problem with you staying away from church, you can truthfully respond that you've already explained your reasons, and those reasons have not changed.

My second piece of advice is that you should consider blowing the whistle on this toxic church community. If things that happened there were harmful, abusive, or criminal, you might be helping yourself and other survivors.

However, you are obviously extremely vulnerable. Bringing your own experiences to light would expose you to more pressure and possible estrangement from your family, as well as other community members. Doing so could re-traumatize you.

This is an important decision, not to be taken lightly.

You might have success connecting with a support group for others who have been traumatized in faith-based communities.

Q. I have a good relationship with my neighbors, who I would describe as "extremely quiet." We only meet over the "backyard fence," where we talk about our gardens.

Recently I told them that I was hiring an arborist to trim some trees at the back of my property where it meets theirs. They pointed out two dead trees that they were eager to have removed. I offered to have my guy do it while he was handling mine and they demurred but then said, "Oh, that would be really nice. Thank you."

The guy came, he did all the work, and I realized that their portion cost around $400. I can definitely afford it — no problem — but I'm disappointed that they haven't really thanked me.

I'm wondering what you think?

GOOD NEIGHBOR

A. I think you're really generous. You pressed this solution upon your neighbors and they thanked you in advance. You might be "repaid" in fresh produce later in the season.

Q. Like "Cleaning in Culver City," I, too, sent old letters back to my friends, but I didn't send any that mentioned anything painful, such as relationship problems.

My friends were delighted and said they felt like they traveled through time. Some couldn't remember the incidents they'd described in their letters, but that made it even more fun.

I recommend this to others, but one should curate the letters first.

PAM

A. I have been surprised at the number of people who have reported being quite upset by receiving back letters they had sent years before.

When pondering doing this, it is important to recognize that context is really important. "Curating" the material is a good idea.

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BIRD SIGHTINGS

Recent sightings (through April 18) as reported to Mass Audubon.

A swallow-tailed kite was reported over Orleans.

A tricolored heron was at Nauset Beach and little blue herons were seen in Dennis and at Bell's Neck Conservation Area in West Harwich.

Other birds at Bell's Neck conservation area included an American bittern, a glossy ibis, a clapper rail, a Virginia rail, 2 Wilson's snipe, 3 lesser yellowlegs, 35 greater yellowlegs, 18 snowy egrets, 40 black-crowned night-herons, 2 bald eagles, a marsh wren, and 5 red crossbills.

Newly arrived local breeders included Eastern whip-poor-wills, willets, and the first handful of ruby-throated hummingbirds.

Some earlier-than-expected arrivals included a green heron in Wellfleet, a scarlet tanager in Eastham, a black-and-white warbler in Sandwich, and indigo buntings in Yarmouth and Orleans.

Other sightings around the Cape included 3 black vultures in Bourne, 2 clapper rails in Mashpee, 12 singing red crossbills in South Wellfleet, and 2 white-crowned sparrows continuing in North Truro.

If you have questions about these sightings, or want to report a sighting, call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-349-2615 or send e-mail to cape.sightings@massaudubon.org.

Wednesday April 26, 2023

Movies Sports News Specials

	7:00p.m.	7:30p.m.	8:00p.m.	8:30p.m.	9:00p.m.	9:30p.m.	10:00p.m.	10:30p.m.	11:00p.m.	11:30p.m.
2 WGBH PBS	Greater Boston	R. Steves' Europe	Nature (CC) HD TV-G		NOVA (CC) HD TV-PG		Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories		Amanpour and Company HD NEW	
4 WBZ CBS	Patriots All Access	Jeopardy! TV-G NEW	Survivor (CC) HD TV-PG NEW		FBI (CC) HD TV-14-L,V		True Lies (CC) HD TV-14-V		WBZ News 11p	Late-Colbert
5 WCVB ABC	NewsCenter 5	Chronicle (CC)	The Conners	The Goldbergs	Abbott Elementary	(9:32) Not Dead Yet	(10:01) A Million Little Things TV-14		NewsCenter 5	Jimmy Kimmel
6 WLNE ABC	Hollywood	Inside Ed.	Conners	Goldbergs	Abbott	Not Dead	A Million Little Things		News	J. Kimmel
7 WHDH	Inside Edition TV-PG	Extra TV-PG NEW	Family Feud NEW	Family Feud NEW	7 News at 9PM (CC) NEW		7 News at 10PM (CC) NEW		7 News at 11PM NEW	Inside Edition TV-PG
9 WMUR ABC	Chronicle	News	Conners	Goldbergs	Abbott	Not Dead	A Million Little Things		News	J. Kimmel
10 NBC Boston	Boston News	Access Hollywood	Carol Burnett: 90 Years of Laughter & Love Honoring comedienne Carol Burnett. TV-PG NEW				Chicago P.D. HD TV-14-S,V		Boston News	Tonight Show
10 WJAR NBC	NBC 10 News	Extra TV-PG NEW	Carol Burnett: 90 Years of Laughter & Love Honoring comedienne Carol Burnett. TV-PG NEW				Chicago P.D. HD TV-14-S,V		News	Tonight Show
11 WENH PBS	Travelscope	Windows Wild	Nature (CC) HD TV-G		NOVA (CC) HD TV-PG		Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories		Amanpour and Company HD NEW	
12 WPRI CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! TV-G NEW	Survivor (CC) HD TV-PG NEW		FBI (CC) HD TV-14-L,V		True Lies (CC) HD TV-14-V		12 News at 11 NEW	Late-Colbert
25 WFXT FOX	Ent. Tonight	TMZ (CC) TV-PG NEW	The Masked Singer HD TV-PG-L		(9:01) Farmer Wants a Wife (CC) TV-14-D,L		Boston 25 News at 10PM HD NEW		Boston News	National News
27 WUNI	La rosa de Guadalupe TV-14		Perdona nuestros pecados HD NEW		El amor invencible HD NEW		Cabo HD NEW		Noticias Univisión	Noticiero Univision:
36 WSBE PBS	Kimball's Milk Street	Rhode Island	Joe Bonamassa: Tales of Time (CC) TV-G			The Musicians' Green Book: An Enduring Legacy (CC)			PBS NewsHour (CC) HD NEW	
38 WSBK	Wheel of Fortune	Big Bang Theory	WBZ News 8p (CC) HD NEW		Daytime Jeopardy	Big Bang Theory	CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (CC) NEW		Seinfeld TV-PG	Seinfeld (CC) TV-G
44 WGBX PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow	Father Brown (CC) TV-PG		Sanditon on Masterpiece (CC) TV-14		Astrid William's brother dies. TV-14		PBS NewsHour (CC) HD NEW	
50 WWJE	Finally Caught (CC)		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		Dateline TV-14-D,L,V		The Last 24 TV-14	
56 WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	The Flash (CC) HD TV-PG-L,V		Riverdale (CC) HD TV-14-D,V		7 News at 10PM on CW56 (CC) NEW		Modern Family	Modern Family
64 WNAC FOX	Family Feud NEW	Family Feud NEW	The Masked Singer HD TV-PG-L		(9:01) Farmer Wants a Wife (CC) TV-14-D,L		12 News on Fox Providence at 10pm NEW		Seinfeld TV-PG	Seinfeld (CC) TV-G
68 WBPX ION	Blue Bloods (CC) TV-14-L,V		Blue Bloods (CC) TV-14-L,V		Blue Bloods (CC) TV-14-L,V		Blue Bloods (CC) TV-14-L,V		Blue Bloods (CC) TV-14-L,V	
PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax	(6:30) ★★ Into the Storm (2014)		★★★ Colossal (2016) (CC) R				(9:49) ★★★ Hellboy (2004) The son of the devil fights paranormal creatures. PG-13			
Flix	(6:15) ★★★ Fargo (1996) R		★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) (CC) PG-13				(10:05) ★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (2011) (CC) PG-13			
HBO	(6:55) Barry	Somebody	★★ Amsterdam (2022) Friends find themselves at the center of a secret plot. R				(10:15) Perry Mason (CC) TV-MA		(11:05) Rain Dogs	(11:35) Knowing
HBO 2	(6:05) ★★★ Boy Erased (2018)		Perry Mason (CC) TV-MA		(9:15) Succession (CC) TV-MA		100-Foot Wave		(11:15) All the Beauty and the Bloodshed	
Showtime	Agent Game R	Waco: The Aftermath	★★★ Gladiator (2000) (CC) A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. R				Waco: The Aftermath		(11:15) Yellowjackets (CC) TV-MA	
Showtime 2	Universal Soldier R	(7:45) ★★★ Uncut Gems (2019) (CC) A jeweler faces adversaries after making a high-stakes bet. R					Walkaway Joe (2020) (CC) NR			Sniper: Raven
Starz!	(6:43) ★★ The Next Three Days (2010) (CC) PG-13				★ Prey for the Devil (2022) (CC) PG-13		(10:37) The Exorcism of God (2021) (CC) R			
TMC	(6:25) ★★ Hotel Artemis (2018) (CC) R		★★ The Family (2013) (CC) A mob family is relocated to a sleepy French town. R				★★★ Atlantic City (1980) (CC) R		(11:45) Bandit R	
SPORTS										
CBSSN	That Other Pregame Show Live. NEW						2023 PokerGo Cup NEW		2023 PokerGo Cup NEW	
ESPN	NHL Hockey (CC) First Round: Teams TBA. Live. NEW					NHL Hockey (CC) First Round: Teams TBA. Live. NEW				
ESPN2	On the Clock	On the Clock	On the Clock	On the Clock	SportsCenter Special (CC)				SportsCenter (CC) Live. NEW	
Fox Sports 1	PBA Bowling (CC) WSOB XIV World Championship, Finals.				CONCACAF Champions League Soccer (CC) Philadelphia Union vs Los Angeles FC. NEW				USFL Football: Panthers vs Stars	
Golf	Arnie and Me TV-PG		Farther	Golf	Golf	Golf	College Central (CC)		Golf Central TV-G	
NBA	NBA Special									
NBC Sports Boston	Early Edition (CC)		Early Edition (CC)		Best of Zolak and Bertrand (CC)		Boston Sports Tonight with Felger and Holley		Boston Sports Tonight with Felger and Holley	
NESN	Minor League Baseball: RailRiders at Red Sox					Boston	Fame	Bensinger	UMass	Huskies
FAMILY										
Cartoon	Teen	Teen	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American
Disney	Ladybug & Cat	Marvel's Mo	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	The Villains	The Villains	Big City Greens	Hamster & Gretel	Marvel's Mo	Ladybug & Cat
Encore Family	Hope	(7:29) Dragon Ball Super: Broly PG			(9:11) ★★★ Home Alone (1990)				Home Alone 2	
Nickelodeon	Nick News	Danger	Erin	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
Nick Jr.	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Paddingtn	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble

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BASIC CABLE										
A&E	The First 48 (CC) TV-14		The First 48 (CC) TV-14		The First 48 (CC) TV-14		(10:01) The First 48 (CC) TV-14		(11:04) The First 48 (CC) TV-14	
AMC	(5:30) Road House		★★★ Tombstone (1993) (CC)						(10:58) Gran Torino	
Animal Planet	Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters TV-PG		River Monsters TV-PG		River Monsters TV-PG		River Monsters TV-PG		River Monsters TV-PG	
BBC America	Bones TV-14-D,L,V		Bones (CC) TV-14-L,V		Bones (CC) TV-14-L,V		Bones TV-14-D,L,V		Bones TV-14-D,L,V	
BET	House of Payne	House of Payne	Neighborhood	Neighborhood	House of Payne	Assisted Living	The Ms. Pat Show	I Love Us TV-MA	House of Payne	Assisted Living
Bravo	Vanderpump Rules (CC) TV-14		Vanderpump Rules (CC) TV-14		Vanderpump Rules (CC) TV-14 NEW			Vanderpump Rules (CC) TV-14		Watch What
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)
CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Primetime NEW		CNN Tonight (CC) NEW		CNN Tonight (CC) NEW	
Comedy Central	South Park (CC)	South Park (CC)	South Park (CC) TV-MA		South Park (CC) TV-MA		Digman! TV-14	Awkwafina Is Nora	The Daily Show	Stephen Colbert
CSPAN	(3:30) U.S. House of Representatives (CC) NEW				Public Affairs Events (CC)					
CSPAN2	US Senate	Public Affairs Events								
Dest. America	Buying the	Buying the	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii
Discovery	Moonshiners		Moonshiners TV-14-L		(9:01) Growing Belushi		Hi Science	Hi Science	Master Distiller	
Discovery Life	Untold Stories of ER		Pregnant	Pregnant	My Teen Is Pregnant		My Teen Is Pregnant		My Teen Is Pregnant	
E!	(5:00) The Help (2011)		★★★ The Help (2011) (CC)						E! News	Prank
Encore	(7:04) ★★ Venom (2018) (CC) PG-13				2 Minutes of Fame (2020)			Escape Room: Tournament		
Food	Guy's Grocery Games TV-G		Guy's Grocery Games TV-G		Guy's Grocery Games (CC) TV-G		Guy's Grocery Games (CC) TV-G		Guy's Grocery Games (CC) TV-G	
Fox News	Jesse Watters		Tucker Carlson		Hannity (CC) Live. NEW		The Ingraham Angle		Gutfeld! (CC) NEW	
Freeform	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Single	Single	The 700 Club (CC)	
FUSE	Buffy, Vampire Slayer		Buffy, Vampire Slayer		Buffy, Vampire Slayer		Like a Girl	Like a Girl	My Wife	My Wife
FX	(5:30) Girls Trip (2017)		★ Nobody's Fool (2018) (CC)					★ Nobody's Fool (2018) (CC)		
FXM	(5:00) Red Sparrow		(7:50) ★ Bad Company (2002) (CC)				(10:10) ★ Bad Company (2002) (CC)			
Hallmark	Wedding Veil		The Wedding Veil Journey (2023) TV-G				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M.&M.	Murder, She Baked (CC) TV-G				Murder, She Baked (CC) TV-G				Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	Property Brothers: Forever Home TV-G		Property Brothers: Forever Home TV-G		Home in a Heartbeat With Galey Alix TV-G		House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
History	Pawn Stars (CC) TV-PG-L		Pawn Stars (CC) TV-PG-L		Pawn Stars (CC) TV-PG-L		(10:03) Pawn Stars (CC) TV-PG-L		(11:05) Pawn Stars (CC) TV-PG-L	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Third Watch TV-14		Third Watch TV-14		Third Watch TV-14		Third Watch TV-14	
HSN	Rhonda Shear		C. Wonder		Beauty Report		Beauty Report		Lancome Paris Beauty	
ID	See No Evil (CC) TV-14		See No Evil Tierra Hall is found dead. TV-14		Murder in the Heartland (CC) TV-14 NEW		48 Hours on ID (CC) TV-14		See No Evil (CC) TV-14	
IFC	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
Lifetime	Married-UK		Married at First Sight (CC) TV-14-D,L				Married at First Sight		Married at First Sight	
LMN	Secret Lives		Sleeping With My Student (2019) (CC)				Lethal Love Triangle (2021) (CC)			
MAGN	Fixer Upper: Welcome		In With the Old TV-G		Fixer Upper: Welcome		Fixer Upper TV-G		Fixer Upper TV-G	
MSNBC	The ReidOut (CC) NEW		All In With		Alex Wagner Tonight		The Last Word With		11th Hour	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
National Geographic	To Catch a Smuggler (CC) TV-PG		To Catch a Smuggler (CC) TV-PG		To Catch a Smuggler (CC) TV-14		Drug Lords: The Takedown (CC) TV-14 NEW		To Catch a Smuggler (CC) TV-PG	
NatGeoWild	Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet		Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet		Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet		Dr. Oakley, Yukon Vet		Savage Kingdom (CC)	
NECN	necn NOW NEW		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		Dateline (CC) TV-PG		LX Current-NECN		1st Look	Rescue
NewsNation	On Balance		Cuomo (CC) NEW		Dan Abrams Live NEW		Banfield (CC) NEW		Cuomo (CC)	
Ovation	The Doctor Blake Mysteries (CC)		The Doctor Blake Mysteries (CC)				The Doctor Blake Mysteries (CC)		Blake	
OWN	20/20 on OWN TV-14		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It TV-G		Love It or List It	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets	
Paramount	Two Men	Two Men	★★★ Twister (1996) (CC)					★★★ World	War Z (2013) (CC)	
QVC	Cooking with		In the Kitchen With David - PM Edition TV-G				Calista - Hair		Josie Maran Argan Oil	
Science	Catastrophes		Catastrophes		Brink of Disaster (CC)				Catastrophes	
Sundance	Monk (CC) TV-PG		Monk (CC) TV star has an alibi. TV-PG		Monk (CC) TV-PG		Monk A union dispute goes awry. TV-PG		Monk (CC) TV-PG	
SyFy	★★ Independence Day: Resurgence (2016) (CC)					★★ X-Men: Apocalypse (2016)				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (CC) TV-14 NEW				All Elite Wrestling: All		All Elite Wrestling: All	
TCM	Rome Adventure (CC)		★★★★ East of Eden (1955) (CC)				(10:15) ★★★ Rebel Without a Cause (1955)			
TLC	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		The Man With No Jaw		Dr. Mercy TV-14	
TNT	Pregame	NBA Basketball (CC) Playoffs: Teams TBA. Live. NEW					NBA Basketball (CC) Playoffs: Teams TBA.			
Travel	Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca		Paranormal Ca	
TruTV	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	Jokes	★★★ This Is the End (2013) (CC)			
TV Land	Andy G.	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	Cosby	Cosby	For My Man TV-14-D,V		For My Man TV-14-D,V		For My Man TV-14-D,V		For My Man TV-14-D,V	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit TV-14-D		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH-1	★★ First Sunday (2008) (CC)					★★★ Training Day (2001) (CC)				
WE	NCIS TV-PG-D,L,V		NCIS (CC) TV-PG-L,V		NCIS TV-PG-L,V		NCIS TV-PG-L,V		NCIS TV-PG-V	

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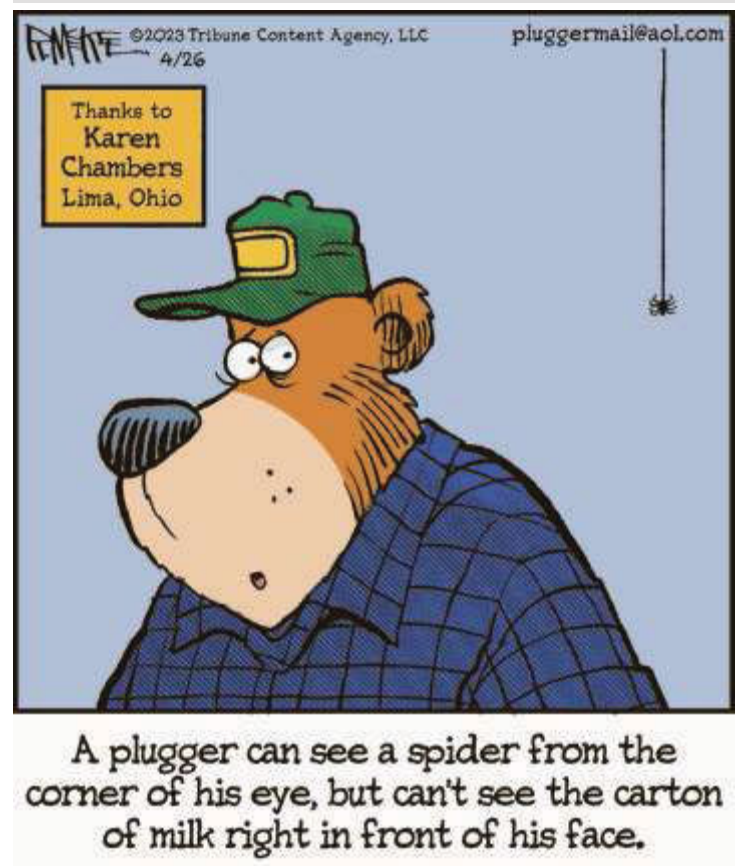
CRABGRASS by Tauhid Bondia

YOU GOTTA HELP ME, KEV.
MY DAD'S PROB'LY NOTICED I'M GONE BY NOW.
IF HE FINDS ME, HE'LL SEND ME BACK TO MY ROOM! I CAN'T GO BACK INSIDE, DO YOU HEAR ME?
NEVER AGAIN!
I GOT YOU, BRO. WE'LL STASH YOU IN MY CLOSET. NO ONE EVER LOOKS IN THERE.
HURK! WHAT-- THE SMELL!
AND NOW YOU KNOW WHY.

ZITS by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

MOM, YOU HAVE TO TELL DAD TO STOP BUGGING ME ABOUT A SUMMER JOB.
HIS HARPING IS RELENTLESS! IT'S A CONSTANT DRUMBEAT OF JOB! JOB! JOB! JOB!
HE'S MENTIONED IT TWICE.
"TWICE" IS THE NEW "ALWAYS."

PLUGGERS by Rick McKee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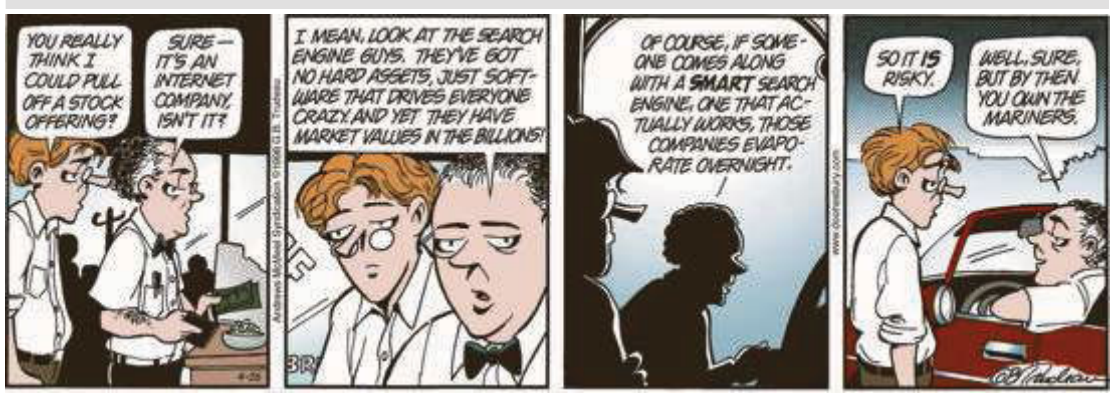
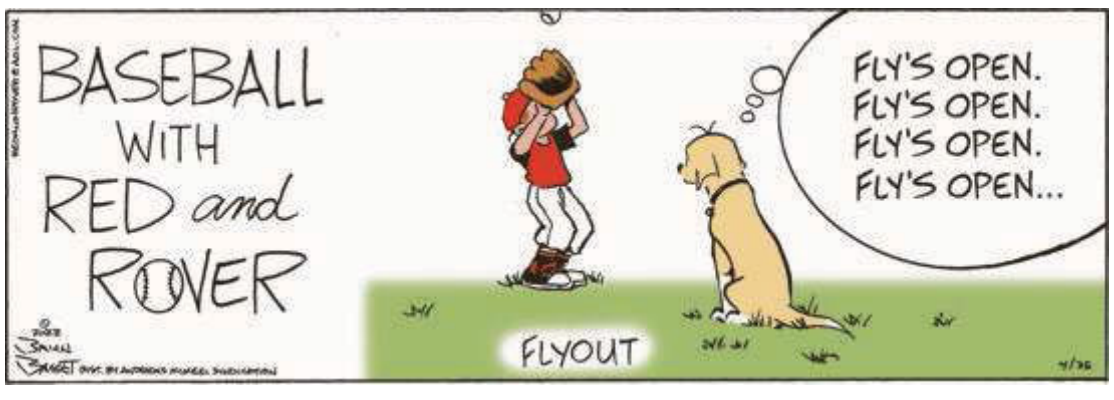
DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau


YOU REALLY THINK I COULD PULL OFF A STOCK OFFERING?
SURE— IT'S AN INTERNET COMPANY, ISN'T IT?
I MEAN, LOOK AT THE SEARCH ENGINE GUYS. THEY'VE GOT NO HARD ASSETS, JUST SOFTWARE THAT DRIVES EVERYONE CRAZY, AND YET THEY HAVE MARKET VALUES IN THE BILLIONS!
OF COURSE, IF SOMEONE COMES ALONG WITH A SMART SEARCH ENGINE, ONE THAT ACTUALLY WORKS, THOSE COMPANIES EVAPORATE OVERNIGHT.
SO IT IS RISKY.
WELL, SURE, BUT BY THEN YOU OWN THE MARINERS.

DUSTIN by Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

RED & ROVER by Brian Basset



ARCTIC CIRCLE by Alex Hallatt

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston

MAN, IT'S JUST OVER A MONTH 'TIL GRADUATION! I CAN HARDLY WAIT.
THE DANCE SHOULD BE FUN, HUH?
YEAH... BUT I'M NOT SURE I'LL BE GOING.
NOT GOING? LAWRENCE, YOU GOTTA BE THERE!
WHY?
WELL, TO SEE GORDO IN A TUX, FOR ONE THING!
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CURTIS by Ray Billingsley

MOM, YOU WERE A GIRL ONCE. HOW CAN I MAKE MICHELLE LIKE ME?
YOU CANNOT MAKE A GIRL LIKE YOU, CURTIS. YOU CANNOT MAKE ANYONE LIKE YOU!
YOUR FATHER AND I MET, STARTED TALKING, FOUND OUT WE HAD MUCH IN COMMON AND THEN DATED
AW, NOBODY MEETS, TALKS OR DATES IN PERSON ANYMORE!

RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary Price

ARLO & JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

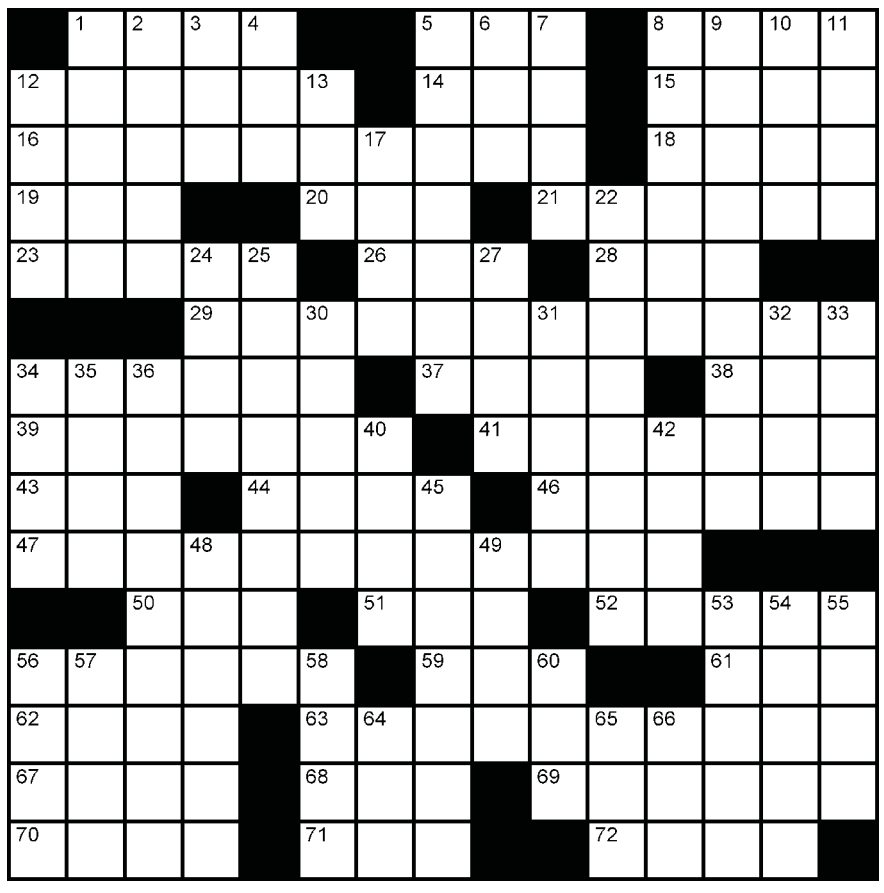
CHEAP TRICK BY DAVID KARP | EDITED BY DAVID STEINBERG

ACROSS

1 Periodontist's specialty
5 Garment with a pushup variety
8 Sign of healing
12 Live-in helper
14 Fun ___ (friendly race)
15 Folk singer Guthrie
16 *Foodie's focus
18 California wine region
19 Night before
20 Haul to an impound lot
21 Request
23 Went out with
26 PreCheck org.
28 Casino area
29 *Houston-area estuary
34 In abundance
37 Garden soil
38 Prefix with "tourism"
39 ___ Malamute (dog breed)
41 What a catered dinner often has
43 Capture
44 Declare
46 Not as far
47 *List of what to expect when you're expecting, perhaps?
50 Groove
51 Nail polish brand hidden in "Stop It I'm Blushing!"
52 Sounds of discontent
56 It may be quenched
59 Only bird with calf muscles
61 Perfectly fine
62 Disneyland attraction
63 *Activity in which people cram together?
67 Microsoft browser
68 Critical hosp. ward
69 Penny-pinching ... or a three-part hint to two outer and two inner letters of each starred clue's answer
70 Razor-sharp
71 Butter, e.g.
72 Tardy

DOWN

1 Tropical fruit
2 Surprising win
3 Wrestling need
4 Address for a gentleman
5 Shopped without buying
6 Pina colada liquor
7 Taylor-Joy of "The Queen's Gambit"
8 Finally registered
9 High-quality draft pick?
10 Big name in dog food
11 Pig with tusks
12 Like premium cheddar
13 Go bad
17 Child's screen-related punishment
22 Some gym helpers
24 Teamwork impediments
25 Sorcery
27 Condition at a yard sale
30 Depart
31 Nine Inch Nails founder Reznor
32 Facial cleanser's target
33 "___ place or mine?"
34 Friend squad
35 Jai ___
36 Where you might find cool samples?
40 Like a canceled mission
42 "Pretty please?"
45 Snowboarding fail
48 Fancy soup holder
49 Canadian actor Liu
53 Extremely thin
54 "One Night in Miami..." actor Aldis
55 Vodka in a blue bottle
56 Challenging hike
57 Instruction before a surprise party
58 "Woot! The weekend is almost here!"
60 Delivery co. with brown trucks
64 TV brand
65 Cardinals, on a scoreboard
66 Argentine aunt



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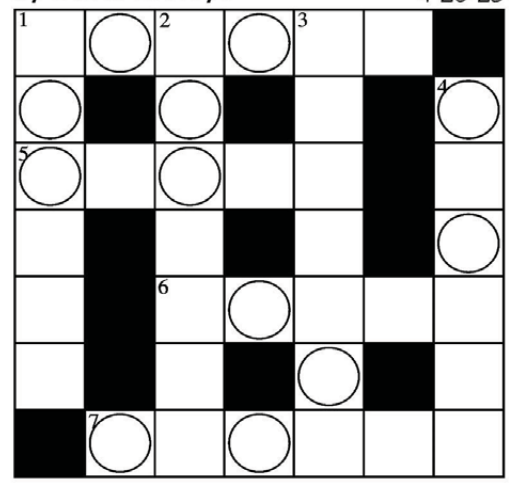

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Alleviation	ERFILE
5. Complain	NEHIW
6. Habit, custom	EASGU
7. Loan provider	RENLDE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Paddling	NWOGIR
2. ____ time	SELEIRU
3. Variety of beryl	LEDERAM
4. Straight	RLAEIN

CLUE: He was inducted into the National Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2011 for his support of family farms.

BONUS

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Relief 5A-Whine 6A-Usage 7A-Lender 1D-Rowing 2D-Leisure 3D-Emerald 4D-Linear B-Willie Nelson

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH 49-54 LOW 41-46
Clouds and occasional sunshine. A late-day shower west of Boston. Winds ENE 7-14. Considerable cloudiness with a couple of showers. Winds ESE 6-12 mph.

THURSDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH 53-58 LOW 42-47
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers. Winds ENE 7-14 mph. Clearing at night. Winds N 6-12 mph.

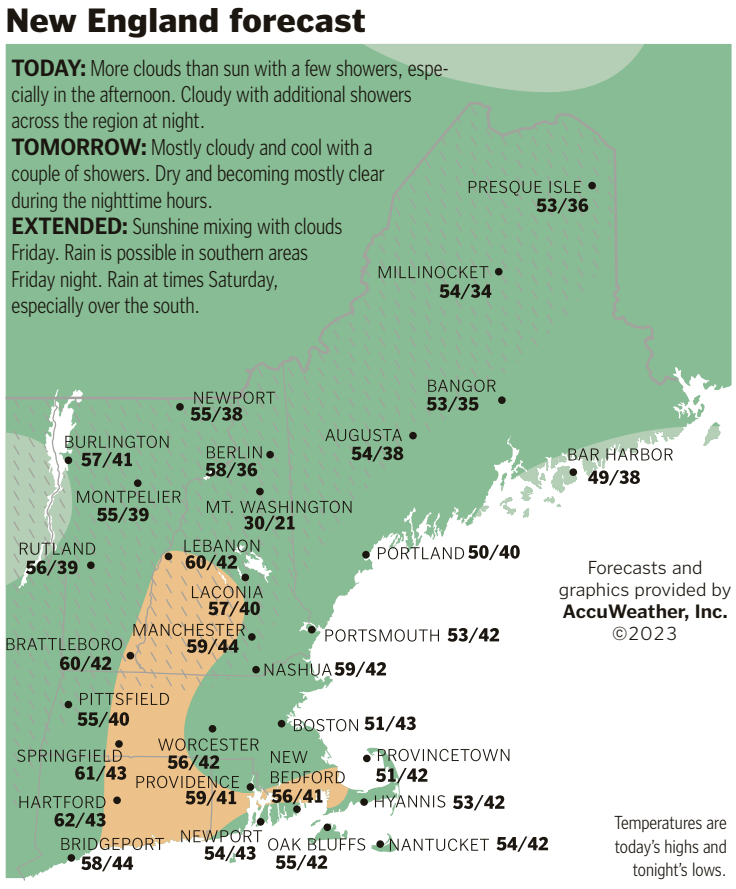
FRIDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH 54-59 LOW 44-49
Some sunshine followed by clouds. Winds ENE 8-16 mph. Mostly cloudy at night. Winds SSE 7-14 mph.

SATURDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH 54-59 LOW 44-49
Cloudy with a shower in the afternoon. Winds ESE 10-20 mph. Periods of rain at night. Winds E 8-16 mph.

SUNDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH 50-55 LOW 44-49
Breezy and cool with periods of rain and drizzle. Winds ENE 12-25 mph. Increasingly windy at night with rain and drizzle. Winds E 20-30 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: More clouds than sun with a few showers, especially in the afternoon. Cloudy with additional showers across the region at night.
TOMORROW: Mostly cloudy and cool with a couple of showers. Dry and becoming mostly clear during the nighttime hours.
EXTENDED: Sunshine mixing with clouds Friday. Rain is possible in southern areas Friday night. Rain at times Saturday, especially over the south.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	57°/46°
Sunrise	5:47 a.m.
Sunset	7:38 p.m.
Moonrise	10:17 a.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Snow and fog
Visibility	1/16 of a mile
Wind	south-southwest at 10 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	27/22
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	7.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
High	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality
GOOD MOD. UNHEALTHY HAZARDOUS
33
50 100 150 200 300
For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.00"	Month to date	1.17"	Year to date	12.05"
Precip days in April	12	Norm. month to date	3.06"	Norm. year to date	13.83"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	4:16	5:04
Height	9.4	8.2
Boston low	10:46	10:58
Height	1.1	2.2
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	4:05	4:59
Hampton Beach NH	4:19	5:13
Plum Island	4:31	5:12
Ipswich	4:04	4:58

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	4:16	5:04
Marblehead	4:16	5:04
Lynn	4:22	5:10
Scituate	4:20	5:03
Plymouth	4:25	5:03
Cape Cod Canal East	4:07	4:51
Cape Cod Canal West	3:09	
Falmouth	4:00	4:48

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	5:30	6:35
Chatham	5:11	6:12
Wellfleet	4:30	5:18
Provincetown	4:30	5:15
Nantucket Harbor	5:24	6:20
Oak Bluffs	4:58	5:30
New Bedford	1:06	1:38
Newport RI	12:59	1:31

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory
Gale warning Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	NE 7-14 kts.	1-3 ft.	51/43
East Cape Cod Canal	N 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	52/42
Buzzards Bay	NE 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	54/42

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Martha's Vineyard	NE 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	56/41
Nantucket	N 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	52/40
Provincetown	N 6-12 kts.	2-4 ft.	51/42

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions
● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
● Atlanta	67/55	T	73/59	T
Atlantic City	64/47	Pc	63/49	Pc
Charlotte	70/54	C	73/59	Pc
Chicago	51/36	S	64/45	Pc
● Dallas	69/58	T	71/53	Pc
Denver	53/39	Sn	69/32	Pc
Detroit	52/37	Pc	58/46	Pc
● Fort Myers	87/69	Pc	89/71	T

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	78/55	S	77/56	S
● Miami	85/72	T	86/76	T
● New Orleans	82/70	T	78/66	T
New York City	60/48	Pc	63/49	Pc
● Philadelphia	63/47	Pc	66/48	Pc
Phoenix	90/65	S	94/68	S
Salt Lake City	64/46	S	69/42	Pc
San Francisco	75/53	S	77/54	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
Seattle	65/47	Pc	66/47	S
● Washington	67/50	T	69/52	Pc
Beijing	67/46	Pc	72/56	Pc
● Cancun	88/78	Pc	88/78	C
Mexico City	83/56	Pc	84/55	Pc
● Montreal	51/37	Sh	58/40	Pc
Toronto	50/34	C	54/40	S
Vancouver	57/43	C	58/47	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
Jerusalem	74/54	S	77/55	S
London	54/43	Pc	56/52	Sh
● Moscow	60/45	R	70/49	R
Paris	56/45	C	64/55	C
Rome	69/48	Pc	69/49	Pc
San Juan	86/73	Pc	86/74	Pc
Stockholm	48/30	Sh	45/31	Pc
● Tokyo	68/55	R	71/61	S

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 26, 2023:
You are an efficient self-starter. You plan carefully because you like to be prepared. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures, and major changes in your life. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be prepared to take on a leadership role.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
An unexpected surprise will please you today. This might come from a family member, or it might be a pleasant change that affects your home or possibly your entire family. It will make you feel good. Whatever occurs might inspire you in some way. Tonight: Sympathetic discussions.
TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
This is a feel-good day. This is why you're happy to schmooze with others. It's easy to be generous to people with your time, your advice, and your wealth. You feel idealistic about a friend, which is why you might impulsively do something to help them. Expect a detour to your day. Tonight: Daydreams.
GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Something unexpected might make you feel physically enriched today. A gift might come your way or an opportunity to boost your earnings. Someone in a position of authority might be sympathetic and do a favor for you. It could be anything. Keep your eyes open! Tonight: A tempting extravagance.
CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
This is a strong day for you because the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, Neptune, and Uranus. Sudden opportunities to travel might land in your lap. You might make a great impression on bosses and authority types. A friend might surprise you. Tonight: You're idealistic.
LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Although you're high-viz, today is another day when you will be happy to play things low-key. Nevertheless, you'll feel fortunate, especially because opportunities to travel or expand your world exist. Bosses, parents, and authority figures might suddenly praise you. Good things will come your way! Tonight: Sweet solitude.
VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
This is a great day to schmooze with friends or members of groups, especially charitable or nonprofit organizations. Your idealism is aroused, and you are feeling generous. Because of this, you might be able to raise money, or you might donate money. Possibly, someone will be generous to you. Tonight: Friendly admiration.
LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
You make a marvelous impression on others today, in part because they see that you are kind and sympathetic. You also might have an opportunity to be generous to someone in need. (True generosity is giving what is needed.) And, of course, what goes around comes around. Tonight: Generosity.
SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
Do something different today. Be bold in your aspirations. Sudden opportunities to travel might materialize. Or you might financially benefit someone far away, or possibly someone will benefit you. It's definitely a lucky day for someone. Tonight: Fantasies and dreams.
SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
You have financial advantages today, which is why you need to be ready to accept favors that come your way. You might even receive cash or a gift. It's the perfect day to ask for a loan or a mortgage. You also might enjoy a vacation or a fun social occasion. Tonight: Be practical.
CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
Although you might have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, something unexpected and pleasant might delight you. It could relate to an unexpected opportunity to socialize — a fun invitation to sports events or fun outings with kids. Tonight: Warm discussions.
AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
Something unexpected but pleasant and related to your job will please you today. It could be good news. It might be praise from others. It might be a bonus. For some, this positive surprise could be health-related or possibly related to a pet. You'll be happy! Tonight: Help someone.
PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
Romance is full of fantasies, daydreams, and surprises today. Likewise, unexpected social occasions might please you. (Be dressed and ready to go.) Finances are favored. Daily plans will change. This is a day full of exciting possibilities that might come your way! Tonight: You're creative.

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SUDOKU

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	2		6		5			
9			4			2		
			9				3	

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ J 6 2
♡ A 10 5 3
♢ A K Q 4
♣ 8 4

West
♠ Q 10 3
♡ J 4
♢ J 10 9 8 7
♣ A J 5

East
♠ 8 5
♡ Q 8 7 2
♢ 6 3
♣ K 9 7 3 2

South
♠ A K 9 7 4
♡ K 9 6
♢ 5 2
♣ Q 10 6

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♢	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♢ J

Eddie Kantar, who left us last year, was one of bridge's most engaging and prolific writers for eight(!) decades, an honored teacher and a world champion player.

Eddie was declarer at today's four spades and faced the problem of disposing of his third club. He also had to manage his trump suit correctly (my topic for this week). Eddie won the first diamond with the ace and immediately led a club: deuce, 10, jack. West led another diamond, and Eddie took the king and led a second club to his queen and West's ace.

When West led a third diamond, Eddie carefully withheld the queen; he played low from dummy, ruffed in his hand and next took the A-K of trumps. When East-West played low, Eddie ruffed his last club in dummy and discarded a heart on the queen of diamonds. He lost a trump and two clubs, making four.

Declarer would go down if he took the high trumps too soon. West would get in with a high club to cash his queen of trumps, leaving declarer with a third club loser.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ J 6 2 ♡ A 10 5 3 ♢ A K Q 4 ♣ 8 4. Neither side vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens one heart. What do you say?

ANSWER: You might get away with a takeout double. If your partner responded ("advanced") in spades with a five-card suit or in diamonds, you might reach a playable contract or even a game. But if partner bid clubs, you would be in bad shape. Pass. This is a good defensive hand. If the opponents stop low, your side may come in later.

ZIPPY "Blot to Trot" by Bill Griffith

ZIPPY UNDERGOES A BATTERY OF COGNITIVE TESTS--
SO WHAT DOES THIS INKBLOT LOOK LIKE TO YOU? SAY WHATEVER COMES TO MIND...
IT'S EITHER YOSEMITE SAM BITING ALVIN TH' CHIPMUNK ON TH' NECK OR A TWO-HEADED MASH-UP OF FRED FLINTSTONE & SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS!
INTERESTING... ANYTHING ELSE?
WAIT, IT'S COMING INTO FOCUS NOW--
IT'S WHAT'S LEFT OF RON DESANTIS AFTER A VICIOUS BEAT-DOWN BY JUDGE JUDY!
I SAY WE ADMIT HIM FOR EXTENSIVE STUDY. WHO DO WE CONTACT TO ASK PERMISSION??
HMM.. ACCORDING TO HIS INTAKE FORM, HE'S TH' LOVE CHILD OF RUPERT MURDOCH AND RAYMOND BURR!
WAIT! THAT'S IT! IT'S RUPERT MURDOCH PLAYING STRIP POKER WITH RAYMOND BURR IN FRESNO!

ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell

OH, NO.
WHAT?
I HAVE ONE OF DAD'S OLD-TIMEY COUNTRY SONGS IN MY HEAD.
SOMETHING LIKE "CORN-FRIED SOMETHING SOMETHING DOWN BY THE SWIMMIN' HOLE..."
I'VE BEEN INFECTED!!
WELL, COVER YOUR MOUTH!

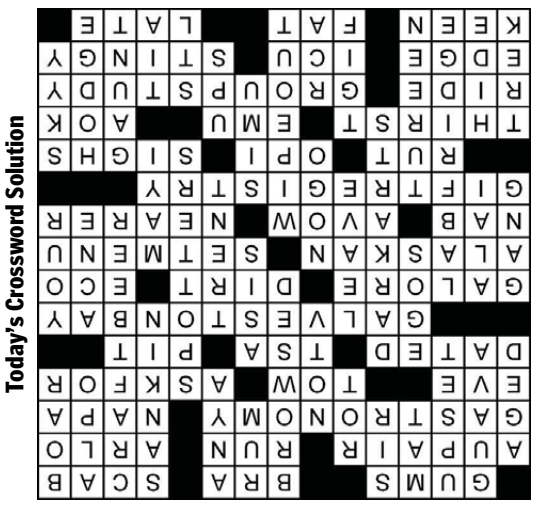
BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro

ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S HER!
OH.. IT'S HER.. IT'S DEFINITELY HER!
UNLESS SHE HAS A TWIN SISTER.
COMICS
STARTLED REACTIONS #27: SPOTTING YOUR TEACHER AT A LOCAL COMIC BOOK SHOP!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

Today's Crossword Solution



Today's Sudoku Solution

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6	8	3	2	1	9	7	5	4
5	1	9	8	4	2	3	6	7
8	3	4	1	7	6	9	2	5
2	7	6	5	9	3	8	4	1

Celebrating Donna Summer — and 20 years of IFFBoston

HBO

Donna Summer in the documentary "Love to Love You, Donna Summer," which opens IFFBoston. Below: A scene from "BlackBerry," which screens May 2 at the Somerville Theatre.

IFC FILMS

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

Film festivals are great places to see films you may not have known existed — cinematic discoveries abound. They are also a good place to meet fellow film buffs and, quite often, the filmmakers themselves.

Now, Boston residents have an opportunity to see what the fuss is about: Independent Film Festival Boston (IFFBoston), which runs April 26-May 3 at the Brattle, Coolidge Corner, and Somerville theaters, is celebrating its 20th anniversary with an intriguing slate of nearly 90 films, including features, documentaries, and shorts.

One documentary I'm looking forward to is "Being Mary Tyler Moore," which screens at 5 p.m. May 1 at the Brattle. Director James Adolphus looks at the life and career of the groundbreaking, Oscar-nominated and Emmy-winning television icon. I'm taking my own advice and attending this screening.

Here are two selections I've seen already — and that are worth your time.

'Love to Love You, Donna Summer'

"The possibilities of a Black girl from Boston going to Germany and becoming successful in the American pop field is a million-to-one shot," says Donna Summer, the subject of this riveting documentary by Oscar-winning documentarian Roger Ross Williams ("Music by Prudence") and Summer's daughter Brooklyn Sudano.

The festival opener screens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Somerville Theatre.

Honoring a Boston legend seems appropriate for a festival celebrating its own hometown longevity. Summer had a string of hits that earned their rightful places in the musical canon of the 20th century. She made songs like "Bad Girls," "She Works Hard for the Money," "I Feel Love," and the nearly 17-minute, moan-filled song that gives the film its title, "Love to Love You Baby" into classics.

"Love to Love You, Donna Summer" reminds us just how catchy those songs were — and continue to be (thank goodness I had a screener at home, because I couldn't stop singing along with the concert footage). The film also showcases Summer's songwriting, a talent often ignored by critics and unknown by the public.

Sudano and Williams cover Summer's career extensively, but their film is more than just a chronicle of professional highs and lows. Sudano — along with her siblings, father, and aunt — discuss Summer's life off the stage. We hear their voices over clips of the singer that range from grainy home movies to professional photos, all skillfully edited together by Enat Sidi and Jon Stray.

As a result, "Love to Love You, Donna Summer" becomes the intensely personal journey of an adult daughter piecing together the journey of her famous mother. We bear witness to Summer's personal triumphs and tragedies, often hearing from the singer herself. Seeing her out of makeup and just being a regular person brings the musical legend down to earth.

Sudano and Williams do not shy away from the darker elements of Summer's life, documenting her upbringing in Boston, her sexual abuse, and the controversy over homophobic comments she allegedly made to a magazine after embracing Christianity.

"Boston in the 1950s was not a friendly city for people of color," Summer's brother Ricky Gaines says as he recounts the tale of how she got her facial scar while being chased by white kids spewing slurs. To escape, Summer went to Germany where she became a success and met producer Giorgio Moroder, the man most associated with her hits. Moroder is interviewed here, as are other producers and collaborators.

Later, "Love to Love You, Donna Summer" clarifies what Summer did and did not say about the queer fanbase that essentially gave her a career.

This is a complex, often moving documentary, and a fine choice to open IFFBoston.

'BlackBerry'

I confess: I had a BlackBerry, and know the story of the ill-fated device that was once the most popular phone in the world. In fact, I brought my old BlackBerry to my New York City screening of director Matt Johnson's entertaining "biopic," a screening attended solely by me and an employee from the wireless tech company Qualcomm. He brought his BlackBerry, too.

Here's hoping that the Somerville Theatre screening May 2 at 7 p.m. will be better attended.

"BlackBerry" is a lot of fun, even in its most dire moments. It's a story of two Canadian friends, Mike Lazaridis (Jay Baruchel) and Doug Fregin (Johnson), who start a company called Research In Motion (RIM) to promote a product they believe in but are not equipped to market, manage, or sell.

Enter Jim Balsillie (Glenn Howerton), a hard-nosed, experienced businessman who becomes co-CEO of RIM and helps make the BlackBerry a success. He also contributes to its downfall, as does competition from sexier devices like the iPhone.

It sounds dry as a bone, but "BlackBerry" is a very funny and biting cautionary tale of the perils of success. At its heart is a moving and sad story of a friendship battered by business dealings. The performances are uniformly excellent and the two-hour runtime zips by.

In addition to features, IFFBoston has several slates of short films (documentary and fiction), including a free student showcase featuring films made by area college students. Hidden gems are always to be found in these packages. After all, more than one famous director — Spielberg and Scorsese, to name a couple — started by making short films.

See you at the festival!

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Trent to lead Museum of African American History

By Malcolm Gay
GLOBE STAFF

Noelle Trent, a longtime museum professional who specializes in African American history and culture, has been named president and chief executive of the Museum of African American History, Boston and Nantucket, the museum announced Tuesday.

Trent, who currently oversees interpretation, collections, and education at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, has broad experience in museum management, spanning curatorial and educational departments.

"I am honored and excited to join the Museum of African American History," Trent said in a statement. "Together, with an experienced senior staff and an engaged and supportive board, I am confident that we will expand MAAH's reach, influence, and impact throughout the region and across the country."

Trent succeeds Leon Wilson, who abruptly departed the museum last May. Her appointment follows a national search to lead the museum. She formally begins her duties on June 12.

At the National Civil Rights Museum, Trent has worked on major exhibitions, as well as acquisitions, education programming, interpretation, and community outreach. She also developed a series of exhibitions in response to current events, in addition to coordinating large events such as Ruby Bridges Reading Festival, and MLK50, which marked the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

She currently serves as board vice president for the Association of African American Museums, and she's active in several national museum associations, including the American Alliance of Museums and the American Association for State & Local History.

Noelle Trent is a longtime museum professional who specializes in African American history and culture.

In Boston, Trent will soon focus on planning exhibitions, programming, and other events for a pair of upcoming anniversaries: the bicentennial of the African Meeting House in Nantucket in 2025, and the 230th anniversary of the founding of the African Meeting House on Beacon Hill the following year.

Sylvia Stevens-Edouard, chair of MAAH's board, said Trent's appointment "culminates a three-year capacity building initiative that reinforces the museum's commitment to excellence in education and community engagement."

"The entire Board is confident that her expertise, deep relationships in the national museum community, and stellar reputation will help propel MAAH well into the future and position our exhibits, and historic spaces as 'must see' sites in Boston and Nantucket," she said in a statement.

Born in Boston, Trent earned a PhD from Howard University, where she focused on the life and work of 19th-century abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

She previously worked on a contract basis with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and as a park ranger at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, both in Washington, D.C.

Search committee member Auntaneshia Staveloz praised Trent's qualifications in a statement.

"Given her experience in education, collections, and historic sites and her background in new and emerging technologies, Dr. Trent is the complete package," said Staveloz, a supervisory program manager at National Museum of African American History and Culture. "She is poised to hit the ground running and will take MAAH to the next level by serving as a community anchor and elevating the organization to regional and national prominence."

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Kissin makes grand return to Symphony Hall

By Jeremy Eichler
GLOBE STAFF

MUSIC REVIEW

EVGENY KISSIN, piano
Presented by Celebrity Series of Boston
At Symphony Hall, Sunday

Over the years the solo recitals of Evgeny Kissin have often seemed like a throwback to an earlier era of great Romantic pianism. There are deep bows, dim lighting, and a formal bearing. Men and women often swoon, calling him back for encore after encore. His virtuosity all the while comes across as effortless and utterly imperturbable, conveying the sense of a remote musical oracle who has arrived bearing direct word from Rachmaninoff.

On Sunday afternoon, Kissin made a triumphant return to Symphony Hall for his first solo Celebrity Series recital since 2014. His hair may be more closely cropped these days, but everything else was reassuringly familiar. The crowds still adore him, and I can't recall the hall so densely packed since the Berlin Philharmonic's performance in November. Few masks were in evidence; the pandemic might never have happened. Even the war in Ukraine that has overshadowed appearances by other Russian artists could not rain on this reunion. In this regard, it surely helped that Kissin has made his opinion clear, calling Russia's invasion "a criminal war waged by a dictator and a mass murderer" and suggesting that musicians who support the invasion "should have no place on the concert stages of the civilized world."

In his recitals, Kissin tends to favor classical and Romantic repertoire, seldom straying very far into the thickets of the 20th century. Sunday's program began with Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue in D minor, the fugue in particular rendered with a striking clarity. If to these ears some final measure of grace and perhaps wit proved elusive in the opening movement of Mozart's Sonata No. 9 in D Major (K. 311), Kissin found just the right walking pulse for that work's lovely central Andante and brought a pellucid vibrancy to the fleet-footed Rondo Allegro. His dynamic range in Chopin's F-sharp minor Polonaise was thrillingly vast.

The recital's entire second half was devoted to Rachmaninoff, beginning with a selection of shorter works of which the composer's arrangement of his song "Lilacs" stood out for Kissin's sensitivity of touch and the pastel colorations of his sonic palette. The Prelude in A minor Op. 32, No. 8 was taken at a hurtling clip, and the more atmospheric Prelude in G-flat Major Op. 23, No. 10 was painted with appealing half-tints. The formal program ended with selections from the Études-Tableaux Op. 39, many of them boldly profiled and emphatically delivered, though even at its most muscular and tonally forceful, there is never anything strenuous in Kissin's playing.

An ecstatic crowd would not let him go without three encores. He went all-Rachmaninoff, concluding with the famous C-Sharp minor Prelude, at once resolute and mesmerizing.

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